

affairs and served as a major of the Forty-fourth Regiment. For twenty years he has been identified with the development of the electric power at Niagara Falls, Ontario.

On the 10th of October, 1894, Mr. Hill was married to Miss Henrietta Johnson, a daughter of the late H. T. Johnson of Dunnville, Ontario, and they now have one daughter, Isabel Louise. In his social relations Mr. Hill is a Mason and likewise belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge, to the Independent Order of Foresters, to the Woodmen of the World and to the Royal Arcanum. His political allegiance is given unswervingly to the Liberal party, and he is a member of the Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM JOHN McMURRAY.

William John McMurray, who is engaged in the hardware business at Niagara Falls and is also city treasurer, was born July 31, 1863, in the city which is still his place of residence. His father, William McMurray, was born at Niagara-on-the-Lake and carried on an extensive flour milling business at that place for thirty years. He afterward removed to Niagara Falls, Ontario, where he died in 1899.

William John McMurray pursued his education in the public schools of Niagara Falls and the Drummond Hill grammar school and when he had put aside his text-books he entered the employ of R. S. Carter & Company of Niagara Falls, under whose direction he became thoroughly acquainted with the hardware business. Leaving that employ in 1884, he entered into a partnership as a member of the firm of Cole & McMurray, hardware merchants, who are still carrying on an extensive business. They have a large and complete line of shelf and heavy hardware, and the safe, conservative business policy which they have followed, combined with a spirit of enterprise and progress, has secured to them a constantly growing and gratifying trade. In 1897 Mr. McMurray was appointed to the position of city treasurer, his trustworthiness being recognized by those in authority and by the community at large. He has since acted in that capacity and is a worthy custodian of the public funds, whose political integrity and honor