

He has refrained from accepting civil offices of any kind ; has given his life to the study and practice of his profession, and hence his success and high-standing. He keeps well read up in medical and surgical science ; is a well informed man on general subjects and a pleasant converser.

He is a member of the Church of England, and has a high standing in the community, morally as well as professionally.

In May, 1850, Miss Maria Dutton, of Dover, England, became the wife of Dr. Cattermole, and they have lost two children and have three living. Caroline N. is the wife of Isaac Waterman, oil refiner, London ; James Frederick is a medical student, an undergraduate of the University of Toronto, and Elizabeth is completing her education.

JAMES STRATTON,

PETERBOROUGH.

JAMES STRATTON, Collector of Customs at Peterborough, and for years a prominent journalist, is a native of the County of Armagh, Ireland, dating his birth May 22, 1830. His parents were Robert and Mary (McElwain) Stratton ; his paternal ancestors were originally from Cornwall, England ; his mother was a native of Scotland. Robert Stratton was a linen merchant, the calling of the family for at least two or three generations farther back.

Our subject was educated principally in the public schools of his native county, and in the County of Durham, Canada West ; he coming to this country when only fifteen years of age. At eighteen he commenced teaching a public school in the Township of Clarke, and followed that profession for seventeen years.

In December, 1860, Mr. Stratton settled in Peterborough ; shortly afterwards purchased the *Peterborough Examiner*, and conducted it for thirteen years, making it a strong advocate of the principles of the Reform party. In 1874 he was the nominee of his party for the Local Parliament, and was defeated by Dr. John O'Sullivan, by a small majority, the Conservatives previously having large majorities in the East Riding of Peterborough. Dr. O'Sullivan was unseated for violations of the Election Acts of the Province ; but for political purposes Mr. Stratton did not again allow himself to be put in nomination. In 1876, Mr. Stratton was appointed Collector of Customs, when he dropped journalism to attend to his official duties.

His residence is across the Otonabee river, in Ashburnham. He has been Public School Inspector for the town and county for ten years, and for the Town of Peterborough for fourteen years, holding other offices of minor importance. He has a liberal share of enterprise, and is backward in no local projects of material progress or social or moral reform. He is among the