

volunteer force a lieutenancy, first by the Hon. Robert Baldwin, and afterwards by Hon. Mr. Justice Morrison, who were commanders of battalions.

In religion he claims to be only a christian, taking no creed but the Bible. Although educated a churchman—his parents being then of the Church of England—he soon began to think for himself, surrounded as he was by various sorts of religions, and happily as he thinks was saved from infidelity by finding out that there was only one Divine religion in the world at one time, and that religion at the present time was the christian. To this he adheres since youth and has taken an active part in speaking and writing in advancing those views.

He has written occasionally for political and religious papers, literary magazines, law and commercial journals, articles which have been often under *noms de plume*, as efforts of taste and recreation and with the special object of combating some error or stating some truth.

Politically he is a Conservative, as was his father all his life. His uncle, James Beaty, sen., ex-M.P. for Toronto, and proprietor of the *Leader*, being for a time a Reformer of the Baldwin and Hincks school. The mayor has often been looked upon as a moderate party man in consequence of his associations and personal connections, and as such has received support from both parties. As counsel for contractors to build the Pacific Railway, he took an active part in the negotiations which resulted in the downfall of the Sir John Macdonald Government in 1873. He regretted the fall of the Macdonald Administration and did his share in restoring Sir John again, in every way he could. He sacrificed his own prospects to the views of others so as to not disturb the current of events, although he was generally understood to be the candidate for Centre Toronto in the interests of the Conservative party at the last election until nearly the last moment, and it was generally conceded that he was about the only man who could have carried it, the constituency being so equally divided.

Mr. Beaty was married on the 10th of November, 1858, to his cousin, Miss Fanny Beaty, and there were two children of the marriage, both daughters, only one of whom, Katie, is living.

Mayor Beaty, although a clear and forcible speaker, from constitutional temperament unwillingly speaks in public, unless impelled to it by a strong sense of duty or force of circumstances.

In personal appearance he is about 5 feet 8 to 9 inches in height, with brown hair, reddish whiskers and florid complexion, looking healthy and robust now, although in early life he was rather delicate; is very temperate and abstemious in his habits; has done a great deal of work and is capable of doing much more; moderate in his views of things, and temperate in language and argument; he is regarded by his friends as usually safe and more than likely to be in the right course. He possesses the confidence of his fellow-citizens, who, as a rule, believe he means right and will come out right. He has convictions of his own on most subjects of public interest and carries them out without fear or favor, being persistent rather than demonstrative,