

of the best known in connection with the history of Hamilton. As issue of their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Gage have two daughters—Maggie, who is married to Harry F. Burkholder, of Barton township, and Jessie who still lives with her parents. John W. Gage, in all the walks of life, has shown himself to be possessed of the best qualities of manhood. In business circles, as in public and private life, his reputation is of the highest, and his generous and warm-hearted disposition has surrounded him with a large circle of sincere and admiring friends.

SYLVESTER JARVIS.

Grimsby, Ont.

THE gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch is a member of a family which has long been well known throughout Western Canada. His parents were Frederick Star Jarvis and his wife Anna, whose maiden name was Horning. The former was a native of Port Credit, Ont., and the latter was a native of Ancaster. Mrs. Jarvis sen., is one of the old Horning family, who were among the early settlers of the country. Frederick Star Jarvis knew what it was to encounter in his early years the hardships incidental to a pioneer life; but he had the courage and enterprise necessary to meet them. About the year 1835 he settled in the township of Ancaster, where he took up farming for himself, and here he met and married Miss Horning. Subsequently he moved to the township of Binbrook, where he purchased a farm, and where Sylvester Jarvis, the subject of our sketch, was born, Nov. 14th, 1850. The family consisted of four brothers and three sisters, of whom all but one sister are still living. Of the male members, Isaac is farming in Clinton township; Oliver is a leading agriculturist and municipal politician in Windham, Norfolk county, and Duncan, the eldest, is living on what had ultimately become the old homestead in the township of Saltfleet, to which the family removed in 1854. The father died Dec. 6th, 1887, at the age of seventy-six, and the mother had reached the age of seventy-nine when death called her away. Sylvester received a good English education in the public schools, and at twenty-two he married and took to farming for himself on the tract of land which he purchased in Saltfleet, adjoining the homestead. This he worked for two years when he sold out and returned to the homestead at the request of his parents, who retired from farming and removed to Hamilton to reside for the rest of their days. For fourteen years he continued on the old place, when he also gave up farming and embarked in the mercantile business in Grimsby. His experience in this

line did not last long, however, as his store was burnt about a year after, and since that time he has been living in private life. In connection with municipal affairs, Mr. Jarvis was for some time a leading figure in Saltfleet. For three years he served as councillor and subsequently for two years as deputy-reeve, at the end of which he retired. He was also for six years a trustee and secretary-treasurer of the board in S.S. No. 7, Saltfleet, and was for several years a director of the Saltfleet and Binbrook Mutual Fire Insurance Company. In local agricultural affairs he took a leading part, and was for many years a director of the Saltfleet society, and contributed materially to its success during the time he was connected with it. In politics he has always been a staunch Conservative, and is known as one of the hard workers for his party. In religion he is a Protestant and an adherent of the Methodist church. On Oct. 31st, 1872, Mr. Jarvis married Eliza Jane, a daughter of Mr. Joseph Tweedle, a very respectable farmer in Saltfleet. Mrs. Jarvis's grandmother, Mrs. Tweedle, came from England, a widow with a large family many years ago, all of whom did well. Mr. Jarvis is kind-hearted and courteous, and is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

JOHN H. PARK,

Hamilton, Ont.

ONE of the successful business firms of Ontario is that of Lucas, Park & Co., wholesale grocers, Hamilton, with which the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this article has been distinctly associated since its organization, over twenty-one years ago. John Henry Park is of Irish birth, having been born in the county Donegal, near Londonderry, on October 9, 1844. His parents were Robert Park and his wife, Elizabeth Hood. He was but an infant when the family emigrated to Canada and settled in Toronto, where the father subsequently died. Mr. Park was one of nine children, of whom, in addition to himself, three brothers and three sisters are still living. Of the former, Robert is employed in the Custom House at Hamilton, and the other two are in the United States; while one of his sisters is married to John Bell, a well-known Hamilton broker. In his youth, Mr. Park attended the Hamilton central school for some years, afterwards studying with Mr. Cuthbertson of Toronto. He first entered business life as a clerk in the wholesale grocery house of the late G. J. Forster, of Hamilton, and on that gentleman's death, in 1870, he joined R. A. Lucas as successors in the firm of Lucas, Park & Co. Mr. Park was possessed of good business ability,