

the general election in 1874 by acclamation; after a severe contest, in 1878, being one of those stiff Reformers whom the political tornado of September, 1878, did not sweep down.

Calton, in "Lacon," says that, "the man of principle is the principal man." Mr. Ross belongs to that class; carries his temperance principle into Parliament, and if not the principal advocate of prohibitory measures, is one of the foremost men in proposing, advocating and securing the passage of bills bearing on that point.

He matriculated in law at Albert University in 1879, and is now pursuing the course of studies required for a barrister and attorney.

He is an Elder of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church; an ardent christian as well as temperance worker, and a very valuable member of society.

He was first married in 1862, to Miss Christina Campbell, of the township of East Williams, County of Middlesex, she dying in 1872, and in 1875, to Miss Catherine Boston, of Melrose, same county.

JOHN R. DICKSON, M.D.,

KINGSTON.

JOHN ROBINSON DICKSON, one of the leading surgeons in the Province of Ontario, and son of David and Isabella (Robinson) Dickson, was born in Dungannon, County of Tyrone, Ireland, November 15, 1819. David Dickson was a prominent merchant in Dungannon for many years. His oldest son, David Dickson, jr., was Major of the 95th Regiment, and William Dickson, another son, was Surgeon in the British Navy for a long time.

Our subject was educated at a Belfast Institution; read medicine with Dr. McLean, of Dungannon; came to Canada in 1837; attended lectures at the University of New York, and there received the degree of M.D., in 1842. His diploma was the first ever granted by the Medical Faculty of that Institution—he being the senior alumnus. Twenty-one years later he received the same degree from Queen's College, Kingston. In 1854 he assisted in forming the Medical School in Kingston, which afterwards became the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, for which, in 1866 he obtained the Charter, and of which he was appointed President, a position he still holds. He has also held the position of Professor of Surgery since the formation of the Medical School in 1854. The most of his large collection of anatomical casts he presented to the Royal College.

Dr. Dickson became a member of the Royal College of Physicians of London, in 1863, a member of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, in 1863, and a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, in 1867. He was at one time Vice-President of the Canada Medical Association, and President of the General Council of Medical Education and Registration of