

the township of St. Vincent, County of Grey, and has by this lady a family of three children. In 1885, Mr. Conmee purchased the large saw and planing mills from Thomas Mark, of Port Arthur, and is engaged extensively in the lumber trade. Mr. Conmee is a man of very great energy and enterprise, and he gives promise of having a very useful legislative career before him.

Todd, Alpheus, LL.D., C.B., deceased, was born in England, in 1821, and came to Canada in 1833. Prior to the union of the provinces, he was assistant librarian to the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada, and was continued in the same office by the Legislative Assembly of United Canada, until 1856, when he was appointed chief librarian of the provinces. The library, when he first became connected with it, consisted of less than 1,000 volumes. Large and valuable portions of subsequent additions were destroyed by fire in Montreal in 1851, and in Quebec in 1854. In the session of 1856 a library grant of £10 000 was made, and Mr. Todd was sent to Europe to expend it. He executed his important commission with the greatest skill and judgment, and thereby, it may be justly said, laid the main foundation of the present magnificent collection of upwards of 108,000 volumes. It has been made under his care and supervision, and presents a catalogue which is the best monument of his indefatigable and most valuable labours in that direction. Having, as it were, grown up with his books, Mr. Todd had become an essential part of the library. A mind of universal literary receptivity, had enabled him largely to absorb and assimilate the vast stores upon its shelves. The numerous ponderous folios containing the classified indexes are largely in his own clear and beautiful hand writing, and as an instant and exhaustive reference for authority or information in any volume which they contain, the amiable librarian was never at fault. By ministers, public officers, the judiciary members of both houses and by authors, his services were in constant requisition, and no one left him without being strongly impressed with the clearness of his statements, the readiness of his richly stored memory, and the gentle courtesy with which he imparted its treasures, and to this may be added a never-failing promptness in conducting the large correspondence which his duties involved. Amid the absorbing duties of his office, however, and notwithstanding their exhaustive nature, he found time to supply valuable contributions to the history of constitutional and parliamentary government,

and his works upon these subjects are authorities in England as well as in Canada. His principal works are entitled: (1). "The Practice and Privileges of Parliament"; (2). "Brief Suggestions in regard to the Formations of Local Governments"; (3). "On the Position of a Constitutional Governor under Responsible Government"; (4). "Parliamentary Government in England"; and (5). "Parliamentary Government in the British Colonies." Dr. Todd's work was remarkable for its wide range of thought, and for the clearness and accuracy of its observation. He was a man who seemed to have made a note of everything that passed, either actually or before his mind, that could be brought to bear upon the great subject to which he had consecrated his life. Into constitutional questions he seemed to have an intuitive insight, and his declarations upon the same are made in a simple, graceful and direct style that is as clear as running water. And the work will remain, and its opinions will be quoted as long as there exist parliaments based upon the spirit of the British constitution. The *Edinburgh Review* said:—"It is a remarkable circumstance that we should be indebted to a resident in a distant colony, the librarian of the Canadian House of Parliament, for one of the most useful and complete books which has ever appeared on the practical operation of the British constitution." The *Saturday Review* said:—"At the first sight there seems a certain boldness in the notion of one whose experience is exclusively colonial, venturing to instruct people at home in the nature and scope of the system by which they are governed. But Mr. Todd has kept himself so accurately informed upon all that has been said and done in the mother country, and he has so diligently read everything that has been written here at all likely to throw light upon the subject, that nobody will detect the least colonial or provincial flavour in his book."

Buell, Jacob Dockstader, Lieut.-Colonel, Brockville, Ontario, was born at the place of his present abode, on the 4th October, 1827. He is a son of the late William Buell, of the 7th Leeds militia, who held the medal with clasps for the battle of Chrysler's Farm, 1813, and who was one of the representatives for the County of Leeds, in the Upper Canada Assembly, from 1828 to 1836; and he is a grandson of the late William Buell, a United Empire loyalist, and an officer of the King's rangers, who represented the County of Leeds in the Upper Canada Assembly, from 1801 to 1804.