

two years in a store, he was appointed (1845) town collector, holding that office until 1856, when he received the appointment of City Clerk, a position which he has held steadily for nearly twenty-four years. Ten years earlier he was appointed Secretary of the School Board, and that office also he still holds. While collector, he was agent for five years of the "Globe Insurance Company of England."

Mr. Abbott has always affiliated with the Conservative party, but has never been an active partizan, taking no public part in such matters.

He has been a Free Mason since 1834, and has held every office in the Blue Lodge and Chapter—being at first in the Grand Lodge, No. 209 of Ireland, and now 209 A. of Canada, of which lodge, at the time of writing, he is chaplain.

His church connection is with the Canada Methodists, he holding the office of steward and trustee. His Christian life is above reproach, and he has especial sympathy for the poor and unfortunate.

In 1834 Mr. Abbott was united in marriage with Dorinda, third daughter of William R. Ruxton, of the Royal Engineers Department, Ireland; and of eight children, the fruit of this union, seven are living.

JOHN L. McDOUGALL,

OTTAWA.

JOHN LORNE McDOUGALL, Auditor-General of the Dominion, is a son of the late John L. McDougall, senior, and Catharine Cameron, both of Highland pedigree. His father came from Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1821; was connected for several years with the Hudson Bay Company; afterwards settled in the County of Renfrew, Ontario, and was there engaged in the mercantile and milling business. He sat for Renfrew in the Canadian Assembly a short time in 1858, and resigned; he died in 1860. His widow is still living.

The subject of this brief biography was born at Renfrew, November 6, 1838, and was educated in the High School at Montreal, and the University of Toronto, taking the Gold Medal in Mathematics, and the Silver Medal in the Modern Languages on the occasion of his graduation in 1859.

On completing his education Mr. McDougall became a merchant, miller and lumberman at Renfrew Village, carrying on these branches of business until his appointment to the office of Auditor-General, August 1, 1878.

Mr. McDougall was at different times chairman of the School Board of Renfrew Village; was Warden of the County of Renfrew, and for a long period President of the South Renfrew Agricultural Society, taking, in fact, an active, and, we might say, prominent part in every en-