

dent and vice-president, in addition to having been a member of the executive committee ever since its organization. Years ago he contested North Lanark for the Commons, but at that time the Conservatives were in an almost hopeless minority in the riding, and he was defeated. A very marked change has been brought about since that time, however, and during the past ten years the riding has been represented by a Conservative. On the appointment of Mr. Jamieson, the late member, to a judgeship, Mr. Rosamond was elected (Dec. 31st, 1891) as his successor, defeating his opponent by a majority of 430 votes. In the House and out of it he pays assiduous attention to his duties as a member of Parliament, a position for which his great executive ability, large business experience and his knowledge of public affairs render him eminently fit. In religion, Mr. Rosamond is a member of the Church of England, to the support of whose institutions he is a liberal contributor. One of his sons is an engineer in the service of the Department of Railways and Canals, while the other is secretary-treasurer of the Almonte Knitting Co. Mr. Rosamond's father and mother are both living, the former at the age of 87 years, with all his faculties unimpaired, a member of the Almonte Board of Education, and still taking an active interest in political affairs.

PATRICK LARKIN,

St. Catharines, Ont.

PATRICK LARKIN, or Captain Larkin, as he is familiarly called in the city of which he has for many years past been a prominent resident, is well known in marine circles and among contractors throughout a large portion of Canada. He was born March 1st, 1829, in Galway county, Ireland, his parents being Thomas and Ann Larkin, both of them natives of the Emerald Isle. In 1837, the family emigrated to the New World, and in due time arrived in Quebec, but the father died on board ship shortly afterwards while on his way to New York. In July of the same year, Mrs. Larkin and her three sons proceeded to Toronto, where they took up their abode. While in the Queen City the youngest boy died, in 1838, and Mrs. Larkin was called to rest in July, 1854, leaving Patrick and James the sole survivors of the family, the latter remaining in Toronto. In his youth the subject of our sketch attended school some seven or eight years, receiving a fair practical education. In 1842, he began a mariner's life on the lakes, and five years later started sailing out of St. Catharines, which city, in 1853, he chose as his permanent residence. Enthusiastically fond of the career he had chosen,

his progress in it was steadily upward. He sailed for a number of years as commander, and from 1858 to 1884 was known as one of the most prosperous vessel-owners in Ontario. In the latter year, he sold his vessel property and withdrew from the enterprise in which he had been engaged in one capacity or another for over thirty years, and in it had achieved notable success. While pursuing his vocation on the lakes, it may be mentioned that he was one of the original stockholders in the Lake & River Steamship Line, an organization chiefly owned in Hamilton, and in which he was associated with the late Hon. Adam Hope (president), Aeneas D. McKay, Dr. Thomas Ridley, John Harvey, George H. Gillespie and Alex. McInnes, of Hamilton, and Richard Blain, of Galt. For a time the line was managed by Messrs. McKay and Larkin, when the latter retired on account of other business interests which demanded his attention. After retiring from his seafaring life, he acquired an interest in a grocery business in St. Catharines, and for several years he operated extensively both in Canada and in the State of Michigan, supplying timber for the Quebec market. In 1865, he engaged in the contracting business, and since that time has been interested in many important contracts, such as the Welland Canal, the Graving Docks at Quebec and at Esquimalt, B.C., Owen Sound harbour, and the Canada Pacific and other railways. Mr. Larkin, meanwhile, was able to devote time and attention to public affairs, and in municipal matters has occupied the highest positions in the gift of the people of St. Catharines. In 1874, he was elected a member of the town council, and the following year he served as deputy reeve, being at the same time member of the Lincoln county council. In 1875, he was chosen one of the board of water commissioners, but at the close of that year he retired from the council, though in 1877 he was again induced to accept office, this time as alderman, which office he held for the next three years. During 1882 and 1883, he filled the position of mayor with great acceptance, though he has since declined municipal office. In financial and industrial enterprises, he has been a familiar figure. He is a director of the Lincoln Paper Mill Co'y, and also of the St. Catharines Electric Light Co'y. In politics, he has always been a Reformer and a hard worker for his party. For six years he was President of the Reform Association of Lincoln, but latterly he has been unable to devote time to public affairs. In religion, he is a Roman Catholic, in which faith he was born and brought up, and he contributes liberally to the support of his church. In 1861, he married Ellen, daughter of the late Patrick Maguire, of St. Catharines. The result of this union was a