

he formed a partnership with his brother, Henry Musson, in a general grain and commission business, and continued in this partnership for two years, when he returned to Toronto, and began for himself a mercantile brokerage business. After a time John Morrow joined him, and in 1878 the firm embarked in the foreign commission trade. In this they have continued, and they now carry on a very large business in teas, coffees and sugars. They have direct connection with China, Japan, the West Indies, Rio de Janeiro, and other shipping ports, and their transactions extend from one end of Canada to the other. In 1861, during the *Trent* excitement, Mr. Musson enlisted in No. 1 Company of the Queen's Own Rifles, and after serving for some time, he received an ensign's commission. However, he soon afterwards transferred to the 10th Royals, retaining the same rank he had held in the Queen's Own. Shortly afterwards he was promoted to the captaincy of No. 5 company; and during the time of the St. Albans' raids, in 1865, he was sent to Laprairie, as senior officer of two companies. These two companies were detailed for duty, and quartered in the barracks at Laprairie for two months. In the following year, during the Fenian raid, he was sent with his regiment to the front, and stationed at Fort Erie, where the regiment remained under canvas for three weeks. In 1883 Mr. Musson was appointed vice-consul for the Empire of Brazil at Toronto. He married, in 1863, Agnes Balfour, third daughter of the late John Balfour, of the firm of Scobie & Balfour, publishers and stationers, Toronto. By this union he has had six children, three of whom survive. He is a member of the Church of England, and has been for six years warden in the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto. In politics he is a steadfast Conservative, and one who studies and masters for himself the questions of the hour.

Smithson, William Henry, Assistant Accountant, Post Office Department, Ottawa, Canada, was born at Portland, St. John, N.B., on the 28th February, 1834. He is the son of the late Rev. William Smithson, and his wife, Elizabeth Harrison. His father was descended from an old Yorkshire, England, family; and his mother was the daughter of a U. E. loyalist officer, who, with his brother, also an officer, took up their grants of land at Sheffield, on the St. John river. His mother, who is still living, is now 84; but his father died suddenly in 1866, at the age of 69. Mr. Smith-

son, sr., was for over forty years a Wesleyan Methodist minister in high standing; and his first appointment was to the Shetland Islands. He came to New Brunswick in 1827, where he was married. "A very prominent feature of Mr. Smithson's character was his catholicity of spirit. When leaving his last circuit to go on the retired list, in his closing service, the clergymen of the Episcopal and Presbyterian churches accompanied him to the pulpit, and after his farewell sermon delivered appropriate addresses. He was stationed at Portland, St. John, at the time of the cholera visitation, in 1834, and, by a remarkable coincidence, twenty years after, when the cholera again raged in that city, he occupied the same sphere of labour. Without intermission, demands were made upon him, often by entire strangers, but none were ever refused. When pestilence was walking in darkness and wasting by noonday, causing dismay to strong hearts, and spreading a funereal hue over every habitation, he braved the plague, and tracked the cholera-stricken city by day and night, amongst high and low, rich and poor, whenever or wherever duty called him. The last three years of his public ministry were spent in the Halifax, N.S., district, of which he was chairman; and those who were with him in that district, and by whose unanimous suffrages he had been elected to that honourable position, the highest that could be accorded to him, except the presidency of the conference, will ever cherish a deep remembrance of his fidelity and kindness, his anxiety for the cause of God, and his solicitude for the welfare of his brethren." Thus said the *Provincial Wesleyan*. Other newspapers, likewise, bore not less hearty tribute to the worth of the deceased. His mother is universally loved and respected by a large circle of friends in both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The following tribute was paid to the memory of his mother's brother, the late Rev. Canon Harrison, Church of England, by the press: "Few men in his profession, or, indeed, in any capacity of life, were more sincerely loved and respected than the late devoted rector of St. Luke's Church. He leaves behind him a fragrant memory and an honourable name." Another of his mother's brothers was the late Hon. Charles Harrison, for a great many years a member of the Legislative Council of New Brunswick. Our subject was educated at Albion Vale Academy, Annapolis, since discontinued; and at Sackville Academy, now a college. He

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