

elected Alderman of St. George's ward in 1867, and by repeated re-elections served seven or eight consecutive years, being also Water Commissioner during the same period. While in the City Council he held, for several years, the Chairmanship of the Civic Board of Works, and also that of the Finance Committee.

In January, 1874, after having served the city faithfully and efficiently in lower positions, Mr. Featherston was elected Mayor, and at the end of the year had given such unqualified satisfaction, that he was re-elected by acclamation. During his entire official connection with the municipality of the city, Mr. Featherston was untiring in his efforts to further its interests, being especially active in securing the excellent water works, the drainage system, and other important improvements. For some time Mr. Featherston was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ottawa Collegiate Institute, and when the County Hospital was built, 1875-76, he was Chairman of the Building Committee. His energetic hand has aided in pushing forward a number of local enterprises to completion.

Mr. Featherston is a Freemason, being a Past District Deputy Grand Master. He has always been identified with the Reform party; is President of the City Reform Association; and at the election held in March, 1875, was candidate to represent Ottawa in the Provincial Legislature.

In August, 1879, Mr. Featherston was appointed by the Ontario Government, Deputy Clerk of the Crown, Clerk of the County Court, and Registrar of the Surrogate Court for the County of Carleton, which position he now holds.

REUBEN S. HAMLIN,

OSHAWA.

REUBEN SMITH HAMLIN, one of the leading manufacturers in the County of Ontario, is a native of Madison county, N. Y., being born in the town of Fenner, July 12, 1827. His parents, Solomon and Lucinda (Stannard) Hamlin, belonged to the thrifty farming community of that county, and his grandfather was a soldier in the Revolution. Our subject spent his youth on the farm, finished his education at the Cazenovia Seminary, in his native county, and for eighteen years was engaged in the patent medicine business, traveling, during that period, in all the New England and Middle States, in most of the Western States east of Missouri river, and in Canada.

At length, becoming tired of traveling, Mr Hamlin farmed four years near Lockport, Will county, Illinois; then removed to Buffalo, N. Y., and from 1865 to 1875, was engaged in the patent medicine business, being of the firm of Ransom, Hamlin and Co. During this time Mr.