

been called, and wisdom and practical and prudent counsels are desired, that the voice of Senator McMillan will not be silent. Our worthy subject is a member of the Roman catholic church.

O'Connor, Daniel, Barrister, Ottawa, the subject of this sketch, was born at Ottawa, on the 25th of January, 1835. His father was Daniel O'Connor, who was born in Tipperary, Ireland, in 1796. He was a gentleman of considerable culture, and of strong literary inclinations. He embarked in a mercantile business in Clonmel, but after a time he retired and purchased a lieutenancy in the 1st Regiment of Light Infantry, organized to aid the South American patriot service. He saw very much of the world, having travelled about 9,000 miles. He left a diary, and extracts which have come to light reveal that he had a clear and very just insight into character and questions. There is revealed a warm generous heart, a love of things honourable and straightforward; but a detestation of everything questionable or dishonourable. There is evidence too of very strong personal prejudices. But every sentence written is the work of a man of culture; of one who genuinely loved letters, and revered his art. After his travels he returned once again to his home at Farrinlare, and shortly afterwards married Miss Power, the daughter of a neighbouring mill owner, and in 1826 the young couple emigrated to America. In 1827, after travelling through various states of the Union, he settled, with his family, consisting of himself, his wife and one child, at Nepean Point, afterwards Bytown. Shortly after the arrival the second child was born, and this was the first birth in Bytown, the present City of Ottawa. Colonel By, the commanding engineer of the Rideau canal, welcomed Mr. O'Connor heartily, and made a gift of several town lots to the young visitor. Mr. O'Connor died on May 8th, 1858, and he was then the oldest magistrate in the county, and he was likewise the oldest militia officer in the 4th Carleton, his commission bearing date the 23rd of April, 1836. At the time of his decease he was major in this regiment. Under the Draper administration, in 1842, he was appointed treasurer of the County of Carleton, and this position he held till his death. He was for many years chairman of the grammar school board of the county, and, during the emigrant fever calamity of 1847, of the local board of health. In 1834 he was a candidate for the County of Russel, but was defeated by seven votes. At the time

of his death he left seven children, of whom Daniel, the subject of this sketch, was the fourth. Young O'Connor first attended the grammar school, and completed his studies at the Ottawa college. In 1852 he began the study of the law, in the office of the late John Bower Lewis. In 1852 he was admitted to practice as attorney and solicitor. For about eight years our subject was professionally connected with Mr. (now Judge) Robert Lyon, and subsequently with the late Daniel Wade. He is now head of the well-known legal firm of O'Connor & Hogg. Mr. O'Connor is said to be an extremely conscientious and painstaking lawyer. Devoted to his profession, yet Mr. O'Connor has given a considerable amount of attention to political questions, and for many years has been president of the Liberal-Conservative Association of Ottawa. In 1878, on the accession to power of the ministry of Sir John A. Macdonald, Mr. O'Connor was appointed to the very important office of solicitor for the Crown business at Ottawa. The St. Patrick's orphan asylum was established largely through Mr. O'Connor's instrumentality, and he was its vice-president during the years 1866-67-68; and he has since been its president. This charitable institution gives shelter to more than a hundred inmates in one year. Wherever there is a benevolent or charitable project, Mr. O'Connor is sure to be connected with it. It need hardly be said, that he is like his father, a Roman catholic. He married Catharine Charlesetta Willis, daughter of Wm. R. Willis, formerly of New York city. By this union he has had six children.

Dinnis, Richard, Toronto, was born in the village of St. Day, Cornwall, England, on the 18th of September, 1834. His parents were John Dinnis and Martha, whose maiden name was Foote, of England. Mr. Dinnis engaged in the business of founder and heavy iron worker in the town of Falmouth, Cornwall, and in this employment he continued until his death in 1854, leaving eight children. The subject of this sketch was the second youngest child. Richard Dinnis received his education in a private school, in the town of Falmouth, under the well known William Eastman, one of the best private tutors of that section. After leaving school, at the age of fourteen, he was apprenticed to the building business carried on by the firm of Oliver & Sons, and remained with these gentlemen until 1856. Some time before this he had left the bench and became head clerk and manager for the firm. During that time Mr. Dinnis