

Probably no man in the town has done more valuable service in its municipality than Mr. Mackenzie. He is quite public spirited, and has taken great pleasure in aiding to push forward public improvement. A town cannot have too many of such a class of citizens. He is President of the Lambton Permanent Building and Investment Society.

He is an elder of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church; for many years was a faithful worker in the Sunday school cause; and his sympathies are enlisted in every enterprise tending to improve, in any respects, the condition of the people, young or old.

His politics are Reform, and at one time he held the office of President of the West Lambton Reform Association.

In 1856, Mr. Mackenzie married Miss Margaret Flintoft, of the County of Lanark, Ontario, niece of the late Sheriff Flintoft, of Sarnia, and she is the mother of seven children, all living but one son.

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## HON. ALEXANDER VIDAL,

SARNIA.

ALEXANDER VIDAL, Senator, is a descendant of a family originally from Spain, removing thence to England in the 18th century. He is a son of Capt. Richard Emeric Vidal of the Royal Navy, and Charlotte Penrose *née* Mitton, and was born in Berkshire, England, on the 4th of August, 1819. He was educated at the Royal Mathematical School, Christ's Hospital, London; accompanied his father to Upper Canada in 1834; settled in Sarnia the next year; practised the profession of a Provincial Land Surveyor from 1843 to 1852; was Manager of the Sarnia branch of the Bank of Upper Canada, from the latter date until the failure of that institution in 1866; and held the same position in the service of the Bank of Montreal, from that time until 1875, when he resigned. He has held the office of county treasurer since 1853, being the only Treasurer that Lambton has ever had.

Senator Vidal has long been connected with the military of the Ontario Province, and holds the rank of Lieut.-Colonel of the Lambton Reserve Militia.

He sat for "St. Clair" Division in the Legislative Council of Canada, from September, 1863 until the Union (1867); was an unsuccessful candidate for the House of Commons at the general elections in 1867 and 1872, and was called to the Senate on the 15th of January, 1873. He is a Conservative and a Prohibitionist, and the leader in the Senate on all measures having reference to the temperance question. He was Chairman of the Dominion Prohibitory Convention, held at Montreal, in September, 1875, and is President of the Dominion Alliance for the Total Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

Senator Vidal is President of the English Loan Company, London, Ont., the Canada Royal