

with secret societies has been limited to the Free Masons and the Ancient Order of Foresters. He joined the former at the town of York in 1845, and since removing to Hamilton has been a member of Strict Observance Lodge. In 1875 he was made an honorary member of the Foresters, and he greatly prizes the beautifully engrossed certificate of membership presented to him by that body. Politically, Mr. Roach has always been an enthusiastic Conservative, and he enjoys the friendship and esteem of the great leaders of that party in the different sections of the country. For a number of years he was president of the Liberal-Conservative Association and one of the foremost workers in political contests, but for personal reasons he always declined nomination for parliamentary honours. In religion he is a member of the Church of England, and from 1885 to 1890 he was churchwarden in Christ Church Cathedral, with which he is connected. On May 22nd, 1844, Mr. Roach married Mary Henderson, and the issue of their union was a family of fifteen children, of whom five girls and two boys are still living. Mrs. Roach's parents were among the very early settlers in Western Canada. Her father, William Henderson, who was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, came to this country nearly a century ago, and married her mother, one of the famous pioneer family, the Secords. He took part in the War of 1812, fighting in the battle of Lundy's Lane and other engagements. Mr. Roach's charities are as numerous as they are unostentatious, and his executive and administrative abilities are of a high order, as is evinced by the success which has attended his business career. He and his estimable wife, though well up in years, are still enjoying life heartily, their generous natures and devotion to good works endearing them to hosts of friends.

HUGH MCKINNON, C. P.,

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ONE of the best known figures in the city of Hamilton is that of Mr. Hugh McKinnon, Chief of Police, a position for which he has shown himself eminently capable. Mr. McKinnon is a native born Canadian, though he bears many of the characteristics of the hardy race from which he is descended. His parents, both from the Scottish Highlands, came to Canada in 1819, 'when George III. was king,' and took up their abode in the township of Vaughan, county of York. Four years later, in 1823, Martin McKinnon and Flora Lamont were united in wedlock and, as issue, eleven children were born—seven sons and four daughters—of whom Hugh, born in 1844, was the tenth. The family was well-known in various parts of Ontario

for the superior talents and abilities of its members. In due time two of the brothers, David and Alexander, came to Hamilton, where they engaged in the practice of the law. John chose medicine as his profession, which he practised in the State of Michigan, where he died. Duncan was a minister of the Presbyterian church, having graduated at Knox College; Alexander had a high literary reputation, and was at one time editor of the old *Hamilton Banner*, having given up the law for journalism. He also took an active interest in politics, and as a recognition of his services he was chosen to contest West Elgin and, at a later date, Oxford county, in the interest of the Reform party. In the former constituency he suffered defeat, and in the latter he retired in favour of Hon. William McDougall. The subject of our sketch, having received a good education at the Chatham grammar school, came to Hamilton in 1862 and entered upon the study of law in the office of Thompson & McKinnon. This, however, did not suit his active tastes, and in 1865 he abandoned the legal profession for the more stirring life of a government detective, which arduous and dangerous calling he followed for twelve years. For such a position his splendid physique, indomitable courage, and keen observation rendered him peculiarly fitted. In 1877 the chiefship of the Belleville police was rendered vacant and Mr. McKinnon secured the post without difficulty. There he remained until Nov. 1st, 1886, when he accepted the more responsible office of Chief of Police in Hamilton, a post which he fills with great credit to himself and to the general satisfaction of the best elements of the community. Chief McKinnon's record in the athletic world is worthy of special notice. He was at all times fond of athletic exercises, and for years he distinguished himself against all comers as the champion all-round athlete of America, voluntarily retiring from the championship after his removal to Belleville. In politics, Chief McKinnon has always been a consistent supporter of the Reform party, though of late years, on account of his official position, he has taken no active part in political contests. In society circles he is also well known, being a member of the Masonic Order, St. Andrew's Society, Caledonian Society and Independent Order of Foresters organizations; besides having been one of the old-time members of the popular 13th Battalion. In 1874, Mr. McKinnon married Miss Jennie Morrison, daughter of Jno. Lamont, Esq., of Chatham; his only daughter is acknowledged as one of the fairest belles of bonnie Hamilton. The worthy and much respected Chief is in the full vigour of manhood, and apparently has still a long and useful career before him.