

the domestic wools purchased from the people of Canada is exported to the United States, and worked up by the manufacturers there. Coarse wools are procured from England, France and Germany, from Persia and North Africa (also through the European markets), and from China by way of New York, and these, as well as wool obtained by the firm from every country in which it is produced, are worked up in Canada and the States. It will thus be seen that the firm's trade is world-wide in its ramifications, and it reflects great credit on its members that they have achieved such a wide measure of success. Messrs. Long & Bisby are largely interested in factories in the United States as well as in Canada. They were among the original stockholders of the Farr Alpaca Company, which was started in Canada, but here did not prove a success. In consequence, the enterprise was moved to Holyoke, Mass., where its capacity has been doubled, at times as many as 1,000 hands being employed, and a very large and successful business is carried on. Mr. Long, since coming to Canada, has taken little or no part in public affairs, and in politics he simply identifies himself as a strong supporter of the policy of protection to native industry. In business and social circles he is known as an able and upright man, and is universally respected and esteemed.

GEORGE H. BISBY,

Hamilton, Ont.

GEORGE HARVEY BISBY, a member of the well-known wool firm of Long & Bisby, Hamilton, was born at West Winfield, Herkimer county, New York State, March 20th, 1836. His parents were Julius and Henrietta Bisby, the latter's maiden name being Wheeler. Of their children only the subject of our sketch and one sister reached adult years. Mr. Bisby received his education at the public school in West Winfield, and began life for himself as a clerk in a store in the same place, and afterwards spent five years as teller in the West Winfield National Bank. That position he relinquished to come to Hamilton (January, 1863) as book-keeper for the firm of Messrs. Woodruff & Rockwell, of the Canada Felt Hat Works. He remained in that firm's employ a short time, when he joined Messrs. A. L. Woodruff & Co., as a partner in the wool business. In January, 1867, upwards of twenty-four years ago, on the dissolution of the firm of Messrs. Woodruff & Co., the latter was succeeded by the firm of Messrs. Long & Bisby, under which name and title it has carried on business ever since. The trade of the firm has developed wonderfully during

these years, and extends all over Canada and the United States, the latter country constituting their principal market. The growth and extension of this trade are in a large measure due to the business ability of Mr. Bisby, who has proved himself an energetic and able co-partner of Mr. Long. Mr. Bisby's attention has been almost exclusively confined to the business of the firm, and at no time has he taken any active part in affairs of a public nature. Politically, he is a supporter of the Liberal-Conservative party, on account of its protective policy, since he believes such a policy a necessity to the fostering and developing of Canadian industries. In religion, he is a Protestant, though holding liberal views toward those who differ from him. On December 15th, 1890, he married an amiable and accomplished lady in the person of Miss Jennie Ambrose Long, sister of his partner. During his business career in Hamilton, Mr. Bisby has enjoyed a high reputation for strict business integrity and honorable dealing, and in this respect, as well as in the irreproachable character of his private life, he is justly held in the highest esteem.

JOHN KENRICK,

Hamilton, Ont.

MR. JOHN KENRICK, who has for many years occupied a leading position in connection with municipal affairs in Hamilton, is a native of Scotland. He was born September 7th, 1835, at Millport, a fashionable watering-place on the Island of Cumbray, in the river Clyde. His father was John Kenrick, a stone mason by trade, and a native of Renfrewshire; his mother, whose maiden name was Ann Sennett, was born in Millport, as also were her mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. John Shearer, Mr. Kenrick's great-grandfather, on his mother's side, was forty years in the Royal Navy, one half of the period in active service, during which he fought under Admiral Rodney, and participated in the great victory of June 1st, 1807, and the other half in the coast guard service. He left the navy in 1812 and enjoyed a pension for twenty years prior to his death, at the advanced age of 82. About the year 1838, while the subject of our sketch was still a mere child, his father came to Canada, intending to remain in the country, and to send for his family if he found the circumstances favourable. He settled at some point on the Chateauguay river, in Lower Canada, but after the lapse of only a few months he was taken ill and died. Young John, who was of a remarkably studious disposition, attended the parish school in his native place until he was twelve