

further development of the place and in the production of grain and fruit. The Locust Grove farm is one of the attractive features in the landscape and Mr. Ball figures prominently in agricultural and horticultural circles in his locality.

In the winter of 1889 Mr. Ball attended Toronto Military School and joined the Nineteenth Battalion, serving as second lieutenant and captain. When it was made a city battalion at St. Catharines he resigned. His church relationship is with the Episcopalians.

FREDERIC WILLIAM HILL.

Frederic William Hill, a barrister at Niagara Falls, was born at Welland, Ontario, August 8, 1866. His parents were A. G. and Isabel (Thompson) Hill, the latter a daughter of the late Archibald Thompson, who was treasurer of the county of Welland, where his death occurred. A. G. Hill was born in the county of Lincoln and was also a barrister, who met with success in the practice of law and served by appointment as police magistrate at Niagara Falls. He died in 1895.

Frederic William Hill, spending his boyhood days under the parental roof, was sent to the public school at Niagara Falls and afterward to the high school at Welland. His preliminary education being completed, he then entered Toronto University and has been engaged in the active practice of law since 1891. He entered upon the profession well equipped for the onerous and difficult duties which confront one at the Bar and in his chosen calling has displayed marked analytical power in unraveling the tangles and intricacies that are so often met with in litigation. He is strong in argument, forceful in his presentation of a case and very thorough in its preparation, and these qualities have given him a power which has found public recognition in a liberal and distinctively representative clientage.

His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, Mr. Hill has several times been called to positions of public preferment and trust. He was mayor of Niagara Falls in 1898 and has served for several years in the municipal council. He took an active and helpful interest in military