

economy in the expenditure of public money, and a desire to do what is honest and fair on the part of representatives; habits of self-reliance and ind. among the people, and a sense of justice stronger than party allegiance, are of immeasurably greater consequence in promoting the honour and prosperity of Can. than political nostrums which propose to increase wealth by imposing taxation, to invite immigration by an enormous public debt, and to develop the country by reckless expenditure whose only purpose is to corrupt constituencies." In religious faith, Mr. M. is a Meth. "He m. Dec., 1860, Miss M. J. Brown.—*Ottawa; Palmyra; London, Ont.*

"A thoughtful, safe man."—*Mail.*

"A man of the most admirable caution; a wise counsellor."—*Herald.*

"In constitutional history, the history of Can. and political economy, he has few, if any, superiors."—*London Advertiser.*

"No son of Canada has served his country with more singleness of purpose, with broader patriotism or higher ideals. No one has realized more deeply the responsibilities of citizenship, and has lived more nearly up to them. Political life has never been with him a chess-board, where knights and pawns were moved to suit the exigencies of party, but a never-wearying search for truth, an unending conflict between justice and wrong."—*Globe.*

**MILLS, James**, educationist, is the s. of John Mills, by his wife, Ann Stinson, both natives of the north of Irel. B. in West Gwillimbury, Simcoe, Ont., Nov. 24, 1840, he was brought up on his father's farm. A serious accident formed the turning point in his career. At 21 he lost his right arm in a threshing machine, and thus handicapped, he stood upon the threshold of his life-work with responsibility, and, what some would call disaster, staring him in the face. Entering the public sch. he began his education at the time when the majority of young men have already finished. Hitherto his training had been entirely manual or physical; now he began to develop the mental side of his nature. From the public sch. he proceeded to the Bradford Grammar Sch., and thence to Victoria Univ., Cobourg (B.A.), and

Prince of Wales gold medal for highest rank in genl. proficiency, 1868; M.A., 1871; LL.D., 1892). After graduation he taught in the Cobourg Coll. Inst., from which position he was promoted to the head-mastership of the Brantford High Sch. This institution was then in rank a third or fourth rate sch.; under Mr. M. it soon became a Coll. Inst., and began to attract attention as one of the most successful for training young men and women for general work and for teachers' and univ. exams. The growth of this sch. and its reputation for thoroughness and good discipline, suggested a man for the Provl. Agricultural Coll., at Guelph, when the presidency became vacant. The offer came to Mr. M. from the Govt. entirely unsolicited, and was accepted in the summer of 1879. The institution had been established in 1874, and for some time had many and great difficulties to contend with. Under Mr. M. most of these obstacles have been overcome, and the Coll. has been established on a firm foundation. The work of the Coll. has likewise been enlarged and systematized. Particular attention has been called to the addition of a third year's course and affiliation with Toronto Univ. whereby the degree of Bach. of Science in Agricul. is conferred upon students. The Province is also indebted to the Principal for organizing the Farmers' Insts., and for instituting Travelling Dairies. To him likewise was entrusted the preparation of a text-book on agricul. for public schs., called "First Principles of Agricul." Recently he has contributed some able papers to *Farming*, and he wrote the paper on "Agricul. Education" which appeared in the hand-book issued to mems. of the Brit. Assn., 1897. Presdt. M. is a dir. of various local socs. and institutions, and was elected a Fellow of the Am. Assn. for the Advance. of Science, 1895. He is a mem. of the Meth. Ch., and m. July, 1869, Miss Jessie Ross, Cobourg, Ont. —*Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont.*