

rage the improvement of the soil and of farming stock. He is noted for his public spirit in enterprises generally, and belongs to the progressive class.

Dr. Mostyn holds a high position in freemasonry, having been deputy district grand master for the Ottawa district in the grand lodge of Canada.

A writer in the *Canadian Illustrated News* for January 4, 1879, states that Dr. Mostyn, "like most old countrymen, is a great admirer of athletic and field sports; that he is president of the Mississippi curling club of Almonte, and has been the donor of several medals for competition." The same writer facetiously adds: "the ladies may be interested in learning that the worthy doctor is one of two surviving members of the Anti-Connubial Club—the only black mark against him."

The doctor is well posted on general as well as professional and political subjects, is a ready and easy converser, and can carry his part well in the social circle.

WILLIAM MCGILL, M.D.,

OSHAWA.

THE life history of William McGill, while in many respects very like that of many others, is yet marked by a resolute determination, and will power that entitles it to a most careful consideration. He is a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and was born December 20, 1814. His father, George McGill, was a jeweler and watch-maker in the old country, emigrating to Upper Canada when William was a youth, and settling on a farm in the township of Whitby, near where Oshawa now stands. The mother of our subject, before her marriage, was Elizabeth Dick.

Dr. McGill was educated in English at the grammar school at Oshawa, and in the classics privately by the Rev. Dr. Thornton, of this town; studied medicine partly in Canada and partly in the United States, commencing with Dr. George H. Low in 1835; attended two courses of lectures at Willingby medical college, Ohio, 1837-1839; received the degree of M.D. at McGill medical college in 1848 (after practising six or seven years), and subsequently attended Mott's medical school, New York city. Thirty years ago, very few physicians and surgeons in this part of the Province received so thorough a professional education as Dr. McGill; and his acquirements, experience and skill, placed him in the front rank of his profession. In surgery he excels. He has practised in Oshawa since 1841. At one period he represented "King's and Queen's" in the medical council of the college of physicians and surgeons of Ontario.

Dr. McGill was a member of the first Ontario legislature—1867-1871—and has held a few local offices, such as were forced upon him; but has kept as much as possible out of everything that would interfere with his medical pursuit and studies. Evidently his belief is that the way to success in anything is to stick to it. He owes his high standing in his profession to his