

of the line *via* Quebec, the Etchemin valley, and Chesuncook, by which he claimed he could get grades not exceeding forty feet per mile, gave rise to a warm discussion in the House of Commons. Mr. Light is now engaged with James Brunlees, C. E., of London, England, in forming a company for the construction of a Cantilever bridge over the St. Lawrence at Quebec, for which he has prepared the plans and specifications. This bridge will have a clear span of 1,550 feet, a length of steel superstructure of 2,800 feet, a total length of bridge and arched approaches of 3,460 feet, and a clear height above tide of 150 feet. When accomplished it will be one of the grandest engineering achievements of the world, and Mr. Light's professional skill amply qualifies him to carry out the same to a successful conclusion. This distinguished gentleman has made for himself an enduring name in his profession, and several great public enterprises in this country are under no little obligation to his skill. He is yet in the zenith of his physical and professional powers; and we doubt not that brilliant achievements still await him.

Wilson, John Henry, M.D., M.R.C.P., S.O., M.P. for East Elgin, St. Thomas, was born near Ottawa, Carleton county, on the 14th February, 1834. His father was Jeremiah Wilson, and the maiden name of his mother Bailey, this lady being descended of an old Virginia family. Jeremiah Wilson was born in the State of Vermont, but came to Canada in 1810, settling near Montreal. Here he remained only a short period, removing to a point near Ottawa, where he engaged in the lumber trade. In 1837, he removed hence to Middlesex, where he took a farm. Mr. Wilson was descended of the United Empire loyalists; and he left a family of seven children, the subject of this sketch being the second youngest of the sons. J. E. and J. C. Wilson are prominent medical practitioners in Rochester, Michigan. John Henry Wilson at first attended the common schools, and afterwards the Grammar school at St. Thomas. He next repaired to Toronto, where he entered the Normal school, taking at the close of the term, though only in his eighteenth year, a grade A diploma. He taught school with much success for five years, and then (1857) entered the School of Medicine, at Toronto. He studied here for two years, after which he went to New York, entering the medical university of that city, returning to Canada again about six months afterwards. Dr. Wilson still continued for

a period to attend lectures at the Toronto School of Medicine, and in 1858 he was appointed demonstrator of Anatomy in the Medical department of Victoria College. In the spring of 1859, he graduated M.D., and was immediately appointed professor of Anatomy in the above college, holding the position for two years, when ill health compelled him to yield up the professorial work. He then removed to St. Thomas, where he began practice, his health improving with the change in avocation. Dr. Wilson had been in the habit of watching closely current political history, and it was not unknown that he possessed fine abilities, as well as ambition, and his friends in due time came to him and declared he must offer himself for election to parliament. He consented, and was elected to the provincial legislature for East Elgin in 1871. He was re-elected in 1875, but was not again a candidate until 1882, when he was elected by a good majority to the House of Commons for his old constituency. It is only simple justice to Dr. Wilson to say, that he is one of the most useful members in the House of Commons. During his career in the lesser parliament, he was connected with the passage of several important bills, among which may be mentioned, important railway measures, and various private bills. In the House of Commons, he displayed his chief energy in opposing Sir John Macdonald's Franchise Bill, raised his voice in telling vigorous protest, but the ministry and its friends had made up their minds, and argument from the other side of the House came as futile as the blowing of the wandering winds. Dr. Wilson is a shareholder in several public enterprises, and is a director in the Star Loan Company, of St. Thomas. He is an Episcopalian. In 1869, he married Amelia A., eldest daughter of the late G. R. Williams, of Toledo, Ohio, a gentleman of high standing in his day.

Funcken, Very Rev. Louis, D.D., Priest of the congregation of the Resurrection of our Lord, rector of St. Jerome's college at Berlin, and parish priest of the same town, was born on October 5th, 1833, in Geldreland, Prussia. After he had passed through primary schools in his native place, he was sent to Holland, where he entered upon a course of study at the Royal gymnasium at Roermond. He subsequently entered the Episcopal seminary at the same city, where after passing through the usual course he was ordained priest in 1862. In the same year he went to Rome, and while in the eternal city joined the congregation