

spokesman for a very important class—the French Canadians of Manitoba and the North-West. He keeps himself thoroughly in touch with the people, not only through *Le Manitoba*, of which he still remains editor, but by means of correspondence with persons in all parts of the West. In the House he speaks but seldom, but is always listened to with respect by members on both sides. He has a perfect command of English as well as of French, and, like the majority of French-Canadian M.P.'s, uses English as a rule in addressing the House, because he thus makes himself understood by nearly all, which would not be the case were he to use his mother-tongue. He took a strong stand against the movement, led by Mr. D'Alton McCarthy, for the abolition of the privileges of the French-Canadian race in the North-West, and both in the House and out of it against the movement which culminated in the abolition of Roman Catholic separate schools in the province. In general political matters, Mr. La Riviere is an ardent Liberal-Conservative, and a thorough believer in the principle embodied in the National Policy. In 1867, the Hon. Mr. La Riviere married Marie Melvina Bourdeau, of Laprairie, P.Q., who died after eighteen years of married life, in June, 1885. Mr. La Riviere is a member of the Loyal Colonial Institute, of London, England, and a director of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba, and of the Red River and Assiniboine Bridge Company. He was also a member of the council of the University of Manitoba from 1884 until he resigned in 1889.

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AMONG those who have made a mark for themselves in the practice of mechanical pursuits, and deserve more than a passing notice in connection with the industrial development of the Ottawa district, might be mentioned the gentleman whose name is at the head of this sketch, and this is all the more appropriate inasmuch as he has arrived at the position he occupies in the community entirely through the merit of his own unaided efforts. Mr. Shore was born in the village of Ashton, township of Goulbourn, county of Carleton, in the month of October, 1847. His father, John W. Shore, was a native of the county of Carlow, Ireland, and his mother, Frances Acres, was born in the county of Carleton. Mr. Shore, senior, who had learned the building trade in the old country, on his arrival in Canada, about fifty years ago, settled in the village of Ashton, where he has since continued to reside, being engaged in contracting. Both of Mr. Shore's parents are still living, and are in

the enjoyment of excellent health. He received a good education at the common school in his native village, and completed his studies at the Richmond high school, when he went with his father, under whose instructions he remained for six years, during which time he devoted his entire energies to learning his trade, after which he spent a season at Brockville in charge of a large work there. In 1873 he came to Ottawa, and secured an engagement with Mr. Whyte, who was then a large contractor at the capital, and with whom he worked for five years, when, having by all those years' experience, perfected himself in all the details of his trade, he resolved to start contracting for himself, and has continued engaged therein up to the present time, being rewarded with such success as might be naturally anticipated from a thorough knowledge of the business and the great energy and close attention which he gave it. Owing to his rapidly expanding trade, about six years ago he formed a partnership with William Ashe, a practical builder of much experience, and the firm has since successfully executed some very large contracts, among which might be mentioned the Protestant Orphans' Home, Central Chambers, corner of Elgin and Queen-streets, the Carleton Chambers, on Sparks-street, and the British American Bank Note Company's building, on Wellington-street, all of which are large and handsome structures, fitted with all the modern conveniences and appliances for facilitating business and insuring the comfort of the occupants. They also did the woodwork on the private residences of W. G. Soper, Esq., and Mr. Edward Sybald. Mr. Shore was for eight years a member of No. 6 company of the 43rd battalion, then known as the "Carleton Blazers," and during the Fenian raid had six weeks' active service with his regiment on the frontier, with headquarters at Prescott. He is on the local board of the Canadian Loan and Investment Co., and is one of their official valuers for the Ottawa district. In 1871, he joined the Masonic order, connecting himself with Lodge No. 63, Carleton Place. He is also a member of the Orange body. In politics, Mr. Shore is a Conservative, and ably and energetically supports the interests of his party. He has travelled considerably in Canada and the United States. In religion, he is an Episcopalian. In January, 1877, he married Mary Ann, daughter of Hugh Conn. She died February, 1889. By this union there are five children, two boys and three girls. Mr. Shore's business peculiarities are the facility with which he masters details, and his executive ability which enables him to handle large numbers of workmen with great effect. In private life he is greatly respected, and is regarded as one of the best citizens of the capital.