

port. (Nov. 20, 1884), upon the affairs of the bank, was unanimously accepted by the shareholders, as well as by the Parliament of Canada, and was eulogized and advocated by the whole press of the country. It disclosed not only skilful and vigorous treatment, but a ready power of dealing with large figures and intricate banking questions. In readjusting the stock of the bank, Mr. Yarker was the author of an entirely new feature in bank legislation, which at the time was considered unlikely to meet with the approval of Parliament, but which, after criticism in committees, promptly received the assent of both Houses. Mr. Yarker was a lieutenant in the Canadian Militia in 1860-61; has been a considerable traveller for pleasure in Europe; and is an ardent upholder of all manly sports. He has often captained a victorious cricket eleven in first-class matches; is a good tennis player; a past vice-president of the Argonaut Rowing Club, and first president of the Bankers' Athletic Association, at the annual games of which he has presided for the last ten years. Cool decision, equanimity of temper, and uniform courtesy, have helped him in the sporting-field as well as in the busy theatre of his life's occupation, and given him an enviable position in the community. Affable in manners, of gentlemanly instincts, and with a chivalrous sense of honour, Mr. Yarker has attached to himself a large circle of friends, and is gratefully regarded by many who have received genuine kindness at his hands, and who esteem him for his warm heart and considerate acts. In 1861 Mr. Yarker married Margaret Fraser, eldest daughter of Hugh Fraser, Esq., of Inverness, Scotland, by whom he has two daughters Edith Louise, and Maud Eleanor. Mr. Yarker is an adherent of the Church of England, in what may be called its broad, liberal and moderately high sense.

Barclay, Francis, Milton, the subject of this sketch, was born in Scotland, on the 15th of May, 1822. His parents' names were Matthew Barclay and Mary Fleming. Mr. Barclay, senior, at the age of eighteen, entered the British army, joining the artillery at Woolwich, and was very soon after sent into active service, and took part in several of the engagements recorded in the history of the times. He was with Sir John Moore in Spain, serving through the whole of that memorable and unfortunate campaign. He was also at the bombardment of Copenhagen, when the British took forcible possession of the Danish fleet. In conse-

quence of ill health, he gave up his military life, and returned to his native town, and commenced business as a manufacturer of Paisley shawls, his warehouse being in what is known as Cumberland Court. In 1832, Mr. Barclay, senior, emigrated with his young family to Canada, and commenced farming in the township of Markham, and in 1837, the year of Mackenzie's rebellion, he removed to the township of Trafalgar, in the County of Halton; but some years before his death he resided in the town of Oakville. He was known and respected as a conscientious and honest man and humble Christian. Francis lived upon the farm with his father, till he was about seventeen years of age. This mode of life not suiting him, and having somewhat of a restless disposition, he left the farm and tried several occupations, amongst others that of school teacher, but finally turned his attention to a business life, and in the spring of 1848, in partnership with the late Peter McDougald, of Oakville, commenced a business in the village of Georgetown, County of Halton. In 1849, Mr. McDougald retired, leaving the business with Mr. Barclay, which he carried on with success, extending it year by year, and by his spirit of enterprise and character for fair dealing, secured a strong hold upon the confidence of the public. In the autumn of 1863, he found it advisable to make a change in his business, and took into partnership two young men who were clerks with him—James McLean and William McLeod—the style of the firm being, McLean, McLeod & Co., Mr. Barclay being a silent partner, but manager of the business. Mr. McLean dying in 1865, the business was continued by Mr. Barclay, with Mr. McLeod as junior partner, under the style of Barclay, McLeod & Co. This firm built up the largest retail business in the county. In 1871, Mr. Barclay sold out his business in Georgetown and removed to Toronto, and engaged in a wholesale boot and shoe business in the old Iron Block, Front street, which was burned down in 1872, and, along with many others in that unfortunate fire, he suffered a heavy loss. After winding up his business in Toronto, he returned to Halton, and carried on business in Milton and Georgetown. In the spring of 1881, the death of the late Thomas Racey created a vacancy in the magistracy for the County of Halton, to which Mr. Barclay was appointed, and still holds the position. Mr. Barclay is one of the old justices of the peace for the county; was the second reeve to represent Georgetown in the county