

of which have since become laws, notably, a bill changing some of the regulations of railway companies.

He was for three sessions Chairman of the Emigration Committee, and made three long and able reports on the subject of emigration, making that work a specialty.

Mr. Trow has twice visited Manitoba and the North-West, traveled many thousand miles at his own expense, to acquaint himself with the soil, climate, &c., of the country, embodying the fruits of his extensive observation in letters to the *Stratford Beacon*. Those letters were afterwards compiled and printed in pamphlet form, at the expense of the Government, 55,000 copies being scattered in different parts of the world; also a large edition in French. Probably no man in Ontario has done more than Mr. Trow to acquaint the people with the great resources of the Prairie Province, and the country further west. His letters to the *Beacon* are entertaining as well as instructive, and deserving of the wide circulation which they have had.

Mr. Trow is a Liberal in politics, and when the Mackenzie administration was in power, gave it an earnest and able support.

In 1847, Miss Mary Moore of Blenheim, Ontario, was married to Mr. Trow, and they have five children.

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IN the Dominion of Canada when a man is appointed to a municipal or judicial office, he is usually allowed to remain in such office if he chooses to, during good behavior or life. Hence it is not an uncommon thing to find a man who has held a town, city, or county office twenty years or more—sometimes more than thirty years. The subject of this sketch is one of that class of worthy officials, whom the public like to retain in the municipality of the city because of his faithfulness and his assiduous endeavors to serve the people. The compensation, to such a man consists not in dollars and cents alone, but in the satisfaction of knowing that he is doing his duty, and that his services are appreciated.

Alexander Samuel Abbott, son of Samuel and Mary (Gunning) Abbott, was born near Mount Bellew Bridge, County of Galway, Ireland, June 30, 1812, the Abbotts being an old Irish family. His uncle, Thomas Abbott, was Justice of the Peace more than fifty years, in the county just mentioned. His maternal grandmother was a sister of Lord Netterville, an Irish nobleman.

Alexander received a fair business education; at thirteen years of age was apprenticed for seven years to the dry goods business in the town of Galway, and continued in that department of trade until 1843, when he emigrated to Canada, settling in London. Here, after clerking