

and his co-workers received widespread provincial applause for the success with which they organized the fête. It goes without saying that this distinguished gentleman is a Conservative and a Roman catholic. As a politician he is brilliant, far-seeing and able, and as attorney-general has distinguished himself by peculiar fitness for the office.

**Kingsmill, Thomas Frazer**, Bellevue Park, London, Canada, was born at Templemore, County Tipperary, Ireland, on April 6, 1840. He is the eldest son of Thomas Kingsmill, merchant, of that town, by Mary, third daughter of Robert Frazer, gentleman, of Donacloghan, Donaghmore, of Queen's county. The ancestors of Mr. Frazer left Scotland with the Stuarts, whose cause they warmly espoused. Our subject's father dying when he was a mere child, he was early removed from school and apprenticed to the dry goods business with his aunt, Mrs. William Roe, Mountheath. Here he obtained a general and thorough knowledge of commercial life, for which he displayed a peculiar aptitude. He married, in 1858, Anne, youngest daughter of Andrew Ardagh, one of the Waterford Ardagh's, a family largely represented in Canada. Shortly after this he accepted a position in a shipping house of Savannah, Georgia, but not considering the climate a healthy one for his family, he decided on removing to Canada, and came to Toronto in July, 1858, getting employment in the establishment of W. A. Murray & Co, with whom he remained for several years, leaving to take charge of the woollen department for John Macdonald & Co. Here he remained only a short time, being induced to re-enter the employment of W. A. Murray & Co. as manager of the London branch. He remained with the firm until the withdrawal of their business. Shortly afterwards he opened an establishment in his own name, on a small scale, but gradually added branch after branch, as his success warranted, until it has reached its present proportions, having become one of the largest carpet warehouses in the Dominion in connection with the general dry goods and manufacturing business. To supply the demands of his trade, Mr. Kingsmill visits the British and continental markets twice yearly. At the time of the *Trent* affair he joined the home guards, which was afterwards amalgamated with the Queen's Own, belonging to No. 2 Merchants, or Captain Murray's company, continuing until his removal to London. In 1872 he

was elected to the office of alderman of the City of London, but finding that devotion to municipal affairs led to neglect of business, he determined after a year's trial to confine himself entirely to private life. The same reason has kept him from joining secret societies of any kind and from taking any prominent part in politics, though he has always been a consistent Conservative and a member of the Liberal Conservative association. While a member of the city council he strongly advocated the building of iron bridges with stone abutments, instead of the wooden structures then universally in use. It was resolved to try the new style of bridge at Blackfriars, and the result has been that the improvements have been adopted on all the approaches to the city except one. The water-works scheme, boulevards, and other improvements, were also agitated that year, and received his hearty support at the council, as they have since done in his private capacity. He is a member of the Church of England by education and conviction.

**Sewery, Henry, Barrie**, Ontario, was born in 1835, at Stamford, County of Wexford. He came to Barrie about 1855, and after a short time engaged in the manufacture of wooden pumps. He had not any friends or acquaintances, and what was worse, any capital; but he had great courage, untiring industry, and above all an ambition to succeed. He remained for two years engaged in the manufacture of pumps, after which he turned his attention to the manufacture of stoves, etc., in a wooden building on the same site as his present large and commodious brick structure now stands. About thirteen years ago his stove works were destroyed by fire with all the plant, patterns, etc., he thereby sustaining a large loss. Nothing daunted, however, he started and built up the present building of brick, with a frontage of 300 feet, three stories high, and has with great energy and many trials, succeeded in establishing a business second to none in the County of Simcoe. His business is the manufacture of mill machinery, lath machines, etc.; and the reputation of his business house is second to none. When in full running order, his establishment employs over one hundred hands. He has represented the town of Barrie, as mayor, for the last five years, and has acted as chief magistrate with marked ability and good common sense. In religion he has been a consistent member of the Canada Methodist Church, and in politics he is a Liberal. In his business

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