

PLAYTER, Edward, M.D., is the s. of the late Capt. Jas. Playter, of the York volunteers, by his wife, Agnes Widdifield, both of U. E. L. descent. B. at Newmarket, 1834, he was ed. at private schs., and pursued his med. studies at Toronto Univ. (M.B., with honours and 1st silver med., 1860; M.D., 1868). He practised at first in North York (which riding his great-uncle, Eli Playter, had represented in Parlt.), and was apptd. a coroner for the co. Removing to Toronto, he was chiefly instrumental, 1879-81, in securing the organization of the Ont. Bd. of Health. Later, he removed to Ottawa, with the view of getting a Central Federal Govt. organization established for the control of health statistics, quarantines, food adulteration and internl. sanitation, and for co-operating with the health authorities of the different provinces in one complete Dom. sanitary system. This object, he believes, would have been achieved had Sir John Macdonald lived but a year longer. Dr. P. has written largely on his favourite topics, and was, for a lengthened period, ed. of the *Sanitary Journal* and *Can. Health Journal*. His published works include "Playter's Physiol. and Hygiene for schs. and families" (1880), and "Consumption, its Nature, Cause and Prevention" (1896). He is a mem. of all the principal med. socs. and assns., and has read many interesting and instructive papers before those bodies. One of his latest projects is the formation of a co. for establishing a sanatorium in the Gatineau region. An Ang. in religion, he has served as a del. to the Toronto Synod, and in that capacity has more than once raised his voice against the practice of raising money for ch. purposes by means of bazaars and garden parties. Politically, he is an Ind. Con. He m. 1st, 1860, Charlotte, dau. of Lt.-Col. Arnold, Thornhill, Ont. (she d. 1880); and 2ndly, 1886, May Belle Frances, dau. of J. Sears, Toronto. —*Ottawa*.

"Long an enthusiastic hygienist, and his

latest work is worthy of his record." —*Gazette*.

"Owing in a large measure to his writings that the people have become alive to the immense importance of public health." —*Dr. Wm. Osler*.

PLUMMER, Alfred Edwin, business mangr., is the s. of the late Wm. Plummer, M.E., sometime Comnr. of Ind. Lands in Can. B. in Irel., he was ed. at U. C. Coll., and commenced his business career, Aug., 1874, in the Federal Bank of Can., Toronto, where he remained till 1888, having occupied the position of Insp. for some 4 yrs. before leaving. In the latter year, on the organization of the Trusts Corporation of Ont., he was apptd. to the managership, a position he still retains. In religious belief, he is an Ang. He m. 1887, Alice Ethel Fane, young. dau. of the late H. C. R. Becher, Q.C., London, Ont. —*13 Bedford Rd., Toronto; Toronto Club*.

PLUMMER, James H., bank manager, bro. of the preceding, was b. near Tavistock, Devonshire, Eng., Feb. 19, 1848. Ed. chiefly at U. C. Coll., he entered the service of the Bank of Montreal, 1866, was apptd. to the staff of the Can. Bank of Commerce on its organization, 1867, became mangr. of that bank at Barrie, 1870; at Brantford, 1872; and at Ottawa, 1874; and Insp. of the bank, 1876. He resided in Michigan, 1878-82, and then entered the service of the Merchants' Bank of Can., becoming Asst. Genl. Mangr. of that institution. In 1886 he rejoined the Can. Bank of Commerce as Asst. Genl. Mangr., an office he still holds. Mr. P. has been for some yrs. on the Editing Comte. of the Can. Bankers' Assn., and was elected chairman thereof, 1894. He is a dir. of the Imp. Life Assur. Co., and was elected Vice-Commodore of the Royal Can. Yacht Club, 1897. A mem. of the Ch. of Eng., he has served as a del. to the Synod. He m. 1871, Annie, dau. of the late Sheriff McConkey, Barrie. —*40 Wellesley St., Toronto; Toronto Club; St. James's Club*.

POCOCK, Roger, author and news-