

prosperous establishment, which he still conducts. Mr. Macdonell always took a deep interest in municipal matters wherever he resided. He was elected reeve of the township of Roxborough, which office he held for twelve successive years; and he was appointed warden of the united counties of Dundas, Stormont and Glengarry, by acclamation, in 1860. When he retired from that position, he still continued a member of the county council, up to the close of 1869. In his earlier career, he was a supporter of the Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald, but he subsequently allied himself more particularly with the Conservative party. In the troubles of 1837 and 1838, Mr. Macdonell served in the Kenyon battalion of militia, and has a vivid recollection of those stirring times. He has always continued his interest in military matters, having been successively lieutenant, captain and major; and he succeeded in the lieutenant-colonelcy to the late J. Sandfield Macdonald, of the Cornwall militia, which rank he now holds. He is also associated with the Rifle Association of Cornwall, of which he is now president. Mr. Macdonell has been married twice; first on April 8th, 1861, to Ellen, daughter of Colonel James Macdonald, of Williamstown, Glengarry, by whom he had two sons and one daughter. After the death of his first wife, he married Mrs. C. M. Mulhern, who is still living. The eldest son is engaged with his father in mercantile pursuits, and the younger is attending school. While in business at Athol in 1862, Mr. Macdonell was appointed postmaster of that place, and held the office until 1866, when he resigned on relinquishing his other business there. In December, 1870, he was appointed postmaster at Cornwall, and still holds that responsible position. Mr. Macdonell is a Roman catholic, and as usual with members of that communion, has not changed his views much on religious subjects. He is president of the St. Andrew's Society of Cornwall, and is held in the highest esteem by his fellow citizens. He was, during the lifetime of the late J. Sandfield Macdonald, the latter's intimate friend and trusted confidant. Endowed with a good physique, he is still a splendid specimen of the Scotch Canadian, and bids fair to have many years of usefulness still before him.

Shanly, Walter, Montreal, M.P. for South Grenville, was born at the family seat, "The Abbey," Stradbally, Queen's county, Ireland, and is son of the late James Shanly, a member of the Irish bar, who emigrated

to Canada about the time of the rebellion, and settled in the County of Middlesex, Ontario. The Shanly family is a very old and prominent one in the annals of Leitrim, and it is distinctively Celtic. Walter Shanly was educated by private tuition, and when his studies were sufficiently advanced, he began to prepare himself for the profession of civil engineering. From 1843 to 1858 he was resident engineer under the Board of Works on the Beauharnois and Welland canals; was engineer of the Ottawa and Prescott Railway from 1851 to 1854; was engineer of the Western Division of the Grand Trunk Railway, from Toronto to Sarnia, from 1851 to 1857; engineer of the Ottawa and French River surveys from 1856 to 1858, and general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway from 1858 to 1862. He has been, and is still, connected with divers large enterprises in presidential and directorial capacities. The greatest achievement of his professional career was the construction of the Hoosac Mountain Tunnel, Massachusetts, in which important enterprise he was assisted by his brother, the late Francis Shanly, a gentleman who shared the abilities of the family. Mr. Shanly's first connection with public life was in 1863, when he entered the old parliament of Canada for South Grenville constituency, which he continued to represent until 1872. In 1885 he was again elected, and by acclamation, to the House of Commons for South Grenville. Mr. Shanly has always supported the Conservative party, but has not allowed himself to be contaminated by the party bigotry of the time, though true as steel to his own principles.

Smith, Charles Merrill, M.D., M.C., M.C.P.S., Orangeville, was born in South Dumfries, County of Brant, Ontario, on the 18th of January, 1818. He is a son of the Rev. William Smith, a Baptist minister and also a medical practitioner, who died at Brookholm, in the County of Grey, in the year 1884. Charles Merrill Smith received his early educational training in St. George public school, and afterwards entered Toronto University. Here he distinguished himself by industry and much brilliancy. He entered the Toronto School of Medicine in 1866, and graduated therefrom in 1870, and was awarded silver medal for general proficiency. Having completed his studies, he began practice at Owen Sound, where he continued till his removal to Orangeville in 1879. At the latter place he has since remained; and the kindliness of his manners, and his reputation as a thoroughly