

tion in the western section of the Province as a very able and successful advocate in criminal cases. Mr. Hardy was first elected to Parliament for his present seat (South Brant) in April, 1873, on the resignation of the sitting member, the Honorable Edmund Burke Wood, now Chief Justice of Manitoba; was elected by acclamation at the general election in January, 1875; entered the Provincial Government, and was appointed Provincial Secretary and Registrar in March, 1877, and was again re-elected by acclamation; and after an unusually spirited contest, was re-elected a third time in June, 1879, by a large majority.

The politics of Mr. Hardy are Liberal or Reform, and he is a leading man in his party in the Province. His Christian membership is in the Church of England.

The wife of Mr. Hardy is Mary, daughter of Hon. Justice Morrison, of Toronto, one of the Judges of the Court of Appeal of Ontario, they having been married on the 19th of January, 1870. They have three children.

ALEXANDER ROBERTSON, M.P.P.,

BELLEVILLE.

ALEXANDER ROBERTSON, Mayor of the City of Belleville, and one of its prominent barristers, is a native of the Province of Ontario, being born at Trenton, County of Hastings, December 5, 1838. His father was William Robertson, lumber merchant, from Glenelg, Inverness-shire, Scotland, coming to Canada in 1827; his mother, Jane Simmons, a native of Canada, and daughter of a United Empire Loyalist. William Robertson, who died in 1861, was a descendant of the Robertsons of Strowan, "who were noted for their bravery and fine physique." When James I. was murdered in Black Friars Monastery, in the presence of the Queen and her attendants, by Sir Robert Graham, the murderer made his escape to the Highlands, hiding in the Braes o' Mar, where he was captured by Robert, grandson of Robert of Athol, founder of the Clan Robertson. For this brave deed, and the taking of Graham to the Queen, he was rewarded with a Crown Charter, dated in 1451, erecting a large quantity of lands into a free Barony, and also with a coat of arms—"A naked man, manacled under the achievement, with the motto, *Virtutis gloria merces*."

When Alexander was seven years old, the family moved from Trenton to Belleville, in the same county, where the son was educated in the excellent Grammar School, and subsequently read law with George E. Henderson, Q.C., being called to the Bar in 1865. Since that date he has been in the practice of his profession in this city, being at this time of the firm of Robertson and Thomas. They have an extensive practice, but Mr. Robertson, who is a sound and able lawyer, gives much of his attention to investments, partly of his own funds, and