

terms; was reeve between four and five years, mayor four terms in succession, and has been on the school board for a long period and its chairman the last four years. He believes in progress in everything that is worth having; and the existence of a high school in Oakville—the only one in the county—is owing to the untiring exertions of a few such public-spirited men as Mr. Barclay.

He is a member of the Presbyterian church, has been a sessions clerk at least thirty-five years, an elder nearly as long, superintendent of the Sunday school a quarter of a century, and a delegate at sundry times to both the Synod and the General Assembly. It is this class of men who aid largely in giving tone to society.

He holds a Captain's commission in the Sedentary Militia, and held that of a Lieutenant in the Oakville Volunteer corps; but we cannot learn that he has ever seen a battle-field.

In 1853, Mr. Barclay chose for his life companion Miss Jane Arnott, a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and she has had six children, losing one of them.

JAMES GOLDIE,

GUELPH.

JAMES GOLDIE, one of the leading flour manufacturers and dealers in Ontario, and president of the Ontario Millers' Association, is a son of John and Margaret (Smith) Goldie, and was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, November 6, 1824. His father is a famous botanist, known on both continents, and now living in Ayr, county of Waterloo, in this Province, being in his 88th year. He visited Canada and several of the States, more than sixty years ago, studying the flora in this western world; was at one time employed by the Czar of Russia to make botanical explorations, and to supply trees, plants and shrubs for the public gardens of St. Petersburg; wrote for thirty or forty years for botanical magazines, and had extensive correspondence with scientific men in Europe and America.

The maternal grandfather of our subject was also a botanist of Ayrshire, a student in his earlier years of Sir Joseph Banks.

James had a plain English education, with a smattering of the classics; was a nurseryman, gardener and florist, in his younger years; in 1842 came to America, and was for several years in various kinds of business in New York and New Jersey. For awhile he was a florist in New York; subsequently had the management of the estate and large manufactories of R. L. Colt, deceased, of Patterson, N. J., and a little later was engaged in the lumber and flour-traffic in Utica, N. Y.

In 1860, Mr. Goldie settled in Guelph, built a mill and commenced the manufacture of flour; sold that mill a few years afterwards, and rebuilt on another site, on a larger scale, and