

was at one time chairman of the harbor board, and a director of the Midland railway; is president of the Midland Loan Company, and of the Central Agricultural Association, which includes four counties, and is doing much to further the interests of the farming community, in his section of the Province.

He is Lieutenant-Colonel of the 46th East Durham battalion, active militia, said to be one of the best rural regiments in Canada; and has just been appointed commander of the Canada Rifle Team for the Wimbledon competition for the present year—an honor unsought, and we venture to say, unexpected, yet well merited.

The Colonel is a strong politician of the Liberal Conservative class, and has been in some legislative body nearly all the time since the establishment of the Confederation in 1867. That year he was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, and represented the constituency of East Durham two terms; and in September, 1878, was elected to the Dominion Parliament. He pays strict attention to his parliamentary duties; is very unassuming, yet social and cordial, and one of the most popular men of the younger class in the House of Commons.

Col. Williams is a member of the Church of England, and has frequently been a delegate to the Synod of the diocese of Toronto. His wife is Emily, daughter of Hon. Benjamin Seymour, senator, of Port Hope. They were married in 1859, and have five children.

THOMAS KIRKPATRICK, Q.C.,

KINGSTON.

AMONG the early settlers in what is now the Province of Ontario, few men in a semi-public capacity have filled a more honorable place than the subject of this brief sketch. Upper Canada was still a country in its infancy, when, as a youth of 17 years, in 1822, Thomas Kirkpatrick made his home in Kingston.

He was born in the parish of Castleknock, in the county of Dublin, and was led to think of Canada as a field in which to seek his fortune, by the fact that a connection of his own was already there in the service of the King. On his arrival, he entered upon the study of law under Christopher Hagerman, Esq. Kingston was at that time the chief town of Upper Canada, though not the seat of Government. On the appointment of Mr. Hagerman to a provincial judgeship, Mr. Kirkpatrick naturally succeeded him in his professional position, and quickly won, by a faithful discharge of his duties and by strict integrity, that place in the community which he retained until his death.

Various municipal and provincial offices, from time to time, were conferred upon him by his fellow-townsmen and by the Government of the day. He did not, however, take any place in the public councils of his country, until the erection of the Dominion of Canada in