

route for the Pacific Railway; the opening of negotiations, conducted on our behalf by our own delegate in person, between Canada and the United States, for the establishment of an equitable reciprocity treaty between the two countries; a new Insolvent law; and the establishment of a territorial government for the great North-West, have all been more or less moulded and directed by him. In addition, two very important questions, which for some time agitated the public mind and threatened the gravest complications—the Manitoba amnesty and the New Brunswick school questions—were satisfactorily adjusted during Mr. Mackenzie's administration.

He is a member of the Baptist church, and holds his religious opinion conscientiously and firmly. Mr. Mackenzie has been twice married. His first wife was Helen, daughter of the late William Neil, Esq., of Irvine, Scotland, who died January 2, 1852. His second wife is Jane, eldest daughter of the late Robert Syne, Esq., of Perthshire, Scotland, to whom Mr. Mackenzie was married June 17, 1853. He has only one child, who is the wife of Rev. John Thompson, Presbyterian minister of Sarnia.

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LIEUT-COL. ALEXANDER M. ROSS, M.P.P.,

GODERICH.

THE subject of this sketch, who is one of the oldest settlers still living in Goderich, was born in Dundee, Scotland, April 20, 1829. He is the son of Colin and Elizabeth (McLagan) Ross, natives of Dundee. Mr. Ross came to Canada and settled in Goderich, in 1833, and Mrs. Ross followed with her sons in 1834.

Here Colin Ross, who had been in the Linen Company's Bank in the old country, entered into the mercantile business, which he followed for some years. He died about 1850. His widow, mother of Col. Ross, died in 1878.

Alexander was educated in the common schools of Goderich. At the age of 14 his parents, believing all young men in Canada should learn a trade, apprenticed him to a carpenter and joiner, at which trade he worked for about six years. He then, at the age of 20, entered the Bank of Upper Canada as a clerk, in which he remained until 1856, when he received the appointment of Paymaster on the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway, under construction, and remained in that position until the road was completed two years later. In June, 1858, he was appointed treasurer of the county, and still holds that office, his financial knowledge and abilities having been of material advantage to the county on many important occasions.

In 1866 an agency of the Royal Canadian Bank was opened in Goderich, and Col. Ross was appointed manager, which position he held until 1869, when, on the suspension of the Bank, the agency was closed.

In 1870 the Canadian Bank of Commerce took up the vacancy created by the closing of