

ance committees, who regularly patrolled the town, until the last vestige of this terrible plague had disappeared, and society was placed upon the sound and orderly basis on which it is to-day. In this, as well as the troubles in connection with the visit of Lord Elgin, Mr. Rochester took a prominent part, being always willing to support the cause of law and order, and uphold the regularly constituted authorities in the discharge of their duties. Mr. Rochester has given liberally of his time to the public. For twelve years he served with great usefulness on the council board as alderman, and for three years he filled with satisfaction to the public the honourable office of mayor. During his incumbency of this position he had the honour of entertaining, as the representative of the city, H.R.H. Prince Arthur, and also the Grand Duke Alexis, who were guests of His Excellency the Governor-General; and his municipal career was distinguished by a careful and conscientious discharge of all the duties appertaining to the various positions which he held. In many other and not less important ways he has endeavoured to assist in promoting the general good. He has always taken an active interest in the Protestant hospital, of which he was for years vice-president, and during the president's absence in England, when the west wing was destroyed by fire, he personally superintended its construction, and also at the same time remodelled the whole institution, making it one of the best and most comfortable buildings for that purpose to be found in the whole province. This was accomplished through his efforts, and without being any burden whatever on its financial resources. The Old Men's Home is also another philanthropic enterprise to which he has given much time, and being largely his own conception and creation, he still continues to take an active interest in its welfare, and takes great pleasure in telling of the liberal spirit in which his desires in this connection have been met by the good people of Ottawa. During the time he occupied the mayor's chair, it occurred to him that something should be done to bring within easy reach of those so dispersed, facilities for ladies to acquire higher education than was then possible in the city, and after mature consideration he called a public meeting in the city hall, at which his views were adopted, and the sum of \$9,000 immediately subscribed. Such means were then created and put in motion as resulted in the organization, erection and equipment of the Ottawa Ladies' College, an institution of great merit, and which has ever since continued to do good in the direction intended. In company with the late John Bower Lewis he organized the Metropolitan Trust and Loan Company, and was for several years President of the Ottawa

Agricultural Insurance Co'y. Mr. Rochester is a member of St. George's Society, and was for three years president of the same; he is also an Orangeman, and inaugurated lodge 227, of which he was master for fifteen years. He was also D.D.M. of his district; he belongs to the Masonic order, and is a member of Doric lodge, and was a member of the Manchester Unity, I.O.O.F. In politics, Mr. Rochester has always been a Conservative; but while an active member and a pillar of strength to his party, still he has never been a blind follower of men, but has rather adhered to and supported Conservative principles, because he was honestly convinced that they were really best calculated to promote the prosperity of his native country, and foster that bond of affection and loyalty that exists towards the mother country. Politics to him was not a personal matter; he had no political ambitions to serve, and never expected any material advantage therefrom, but believing his views to be right, he advocated them fearlessly, and did much thereby to advance the interests of the party to which he was attached. He was forced into office in 1872, accepting the nomination for the county of Carleton, when he was elected, and for twelve years faithfully performed the duties of that important trust to the satisfaction of his constituents, and also in such a way as to win the respect and friendship of his opponents, Mr. Rochester probably valuing the esteem and friendship with which the ex-premier, Hon. A. Mackenzie, and himself mutually regard each other, as one of the most pleasant reminiscences he retains of his parliamentary career. Never caring for this kind of public life, he voluntarily retired in 1884, thus allowing the late Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald to secure a safe and easy seat in Carleton when it was doubtful whether he would be returned for Lennox, which he was also contesting at that general election. Still, however, Mr. Rochester takes an intelligent interest in public affairs, and is of those who look upon office, whether elective or in the civil service, as a public trust, and condemns, in no unmeasured terms, betrayal of the one, and malfeasance in the other, irrespective of the political leanings of the guilty parties; and it is safe to say that no amount of political pressure could induce him to condone an offence against the high standard of honesty he contends should be maintained in public life. In religion, Mr. Rochester is a Methodist, and is the oldest surviving trustee of the Dominion church, Ottawa. In 1845, he married Elizabeth Ann, daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Bevitt, by which union there were seven children, of whom the two eldest, a boy and girl, are dead; of the remaining five, three are boys and two girls. Of the latter, one is married to Mr. Milton Merrill, of the