

MR. WILLIAM HUNTER.

Mr. Hunter was born in the County of Missisquoi, Lower Canada, in the year 1834, and is therefore 80 years of age. Mr. Hunter came to Pembroke on the 11th of November, 1854, and entered the employ of Mr. John Supple as a clerk. In 1861 Mr. Hunter commenced a general store business of his own, which he conducted for six years, and then entered into partnership with his brother Samuel. Shortly afterwards the two brothers introduced a hardware department into their store and continued business in partnership for nineteen years. At the end of that time the partnership was dissolved, Mr. William Hunter continuing the general store and Mr. Samuel Hunter the hardware store. Mr. Hunter, like all of Pembroke's grand old men, has an honorable record. He has always been an Anglican in religion and in the early days did much in putting the Anglican church on a sound basis in Pembroke. He served as a School Trustee for a number of years. Mr. Hunter still takes an active part in the business of W. A. Hunter & Sons, and can be seen at the store every day of the week.

MR. WILLIAM BEAMISH.

Mr. Beamish was born in the City of Quebec in the year 1846, and is therefore sixty-eight years of age. He was educated in Quebec, and in 1859 moved to Ottawa, where he learned the trade of a cabinet maker. After a sojourn of some six or seven years he went to Carp, where he remained for only a short time, coming to Pembroke in October, 1866, and entering the employ of the late Michael Hughes in his furniture and undertaking business. Mr. Beamish worked for Mr. Hughes for thirteen years and then entered the employ of Mr. Alexander Horn. After a lengthy term in Mr. Horn's employ, Mr. Beamish bought out the furniture end of the business, which he conducted for some years, and later entered into partnership with his brother, R. F., and purchased the whole business of Mr. Horn. Mr. Beamish and his brother conducted this business successfully for a number of years and finally they dissolved partnership and Mr. Beamish took full hold of the business and has been conducting it ever since. Mr. Beamish, on account of his agreeable disposition, has a large circle of friends in Pembroke. His career in business has been one of uninterrupted integrity. Mr. Beamish was a member of the Board of Education for many years, is a Methodist in religion, a Conservative in politics, and a member of the Masons, Foresters and Odd Fellows.

MR. W. R. WHITE, K.C.

Mr. White was born on September 16th, 1843, and is therefore 72 years of age. His parents, the first white settlers in Pembroke, were natives of Scotland. Mr. White was educated in the schools at Pembroke and at Victoria College. He entered the study of law with the late Thomas Deacon, and spent two years in the law office of Roaf and Downey, Toronto. In 1868 he was called to the bar and opened an office in Pembroke. Right from the beginning Mr. White's ability as a lawyer was plainly conceivable. In 1889 he was appointed a Q.C. Mr. White has been a C.P.R. lawyer ever since that Company's inception. In 1892 he took as a partner Mr. W. H. Williams, and the firm has since been known as White and Williams. Mr. White has had lengthy municipal experience, being deputy reeve of the town for eight years, Warden of Renfrew County, and Mayor of Pembroke for the years 1891-1892. Mr. White has always been a strong Conservative. He took an active interest in many campaigns, but was never ambitious for political honor or preferment. Mr. White is a thirty-third degree Mason. In religion he is an Anglican. Mr. White is the oldest native born resident of the town.

MR. SAMUEL HUNTER.

Mr. Hunter was born in Missisquoi County, P.Q., in the year 1832. He came to Pembroke in the year 1868 and entered into partnership with his brother William in the general store business. This partnership lasted for 19 years, after which Mr. Hunter conducted a hardware business until 1913, when the Hunter block was burned. Mr. Hunter was a member of the Town Council for two years and Reeve for one year. He has always been one of the mainstays of the Presbyterian church, and was treasurer of that body for 45 years. Mr. Hunter, who is of a more or less reserved nature, is held in high esteem by all the citizens of Pembroke. His history in the business life of Pembroke has been one of continued honesty.

MR. EDWARD CLARKE.

Mr. Clarke was born in the County of Wexford, Ireland on October 30th, 1834. He is therefore eighty-one years of age. The family sailed for Canada in 1851, and after a rough journey of six weeks and three days landed in Quebec. From Quebec the family went to Montreal, and from there to By-Town, where Mr. Clarke remained until 1855. Mr. Clarke remembers Ottawa when Sparks Street was a wheat field. It was in Ottawa, in the employ of Mr. Alexander Heney, that Mr. Clarke learned the trade of a harness maker. In 1855, when Mr. Clarke came to Pembroke, he worked for the late John and David Bell for a year and a half, after which he started in business for himself, and from 1857 until 1915 conducted that business successfully. Mr. Clarke has just retired from business, but not on account of incapability, as he asserts that he feels splendidly, and certainly does not feel old. Mr. Clarke makes the boast that in all his business dealings he gave everyone value for their money. He has always been a devoted Methodist.