

settled the year previous. Leaving there in the following year, he returned to this county and opened an office at Duntroon, where he practised successfully until a few years ago, when he moved to Creemore, coming to Collingwood about six years ago.

In 1878 he married Emma, the oldest daughter of the late Henry Watson, who, with a family of two daughters and four sons, survive him. One daughter is Mrs. W. B. Fryer, who resides on Pine Street, and the other, Miss Maude, is a valued and popular member of the teaching staff of the town public schools. The eldest son, Mr. H. S. Kirkland, lives in Winnipeg, where he occupies a responsible position in the Western office of Messrs. Telfer Bros. The other boys, Dalton, Norman, and Murray, are at home.

The deceased was known for his force of character and geniality. He was strong in his convictions, and never swerved from doing that which he believed to be his duty. In politics he was a staunch Conservative, and during the strife of 1893, when the great split occurred in his party and the McCarthyites arose, he stuck to his political party, believing that the policy and party of Sir John A. Macdonald was good enough for him and the best for the country. For many years he occupied the important position of President of the West Simcoe Conservative Association; indeed, it was only at the convention here on the 1st inst. that he relinquished that office and passed the reins over to a younger man. At the same convention he attempted to speak, but was overcome owing to weakness, but before taking his seat he made the nomination which resulted in Mr. James S. Duff being again the candidate for the approaching elections. As a slight recognition of his long and faithful services, he was elected honorary president of the association, an office which has not been filled for many years. While always taking an active interest in the work of the riding association, he never missed an opportunity of assisting the affairs of the local association, of which he was one of the few life members.

Outside of politics, he was an ardent and enthusiastic Orangeman, being an honored and valued member of the Primary Lodge, and also of Preceptory No. 384, Royal Black Knights of Ireland. For many years he also took an active interest in municipal affairs in the township of Nottawasaga. In 1879 he was first elected to the reeveship, which office he held with marked ability for eight or nine years, when he met defeat at the hands of his old-time opponent, Dr. L. McAllister, the present clerk of the township. On being defeated he retired from the arena and did not again seek office.