

of that enterprise. In 1883 he was appointed high commissioner of Canada to the court of St. James, retaining his position as minister of Railways and Canals. This anomalous, double-barrelled position was felt to be untenable, and Sir John Macdonald passed an act relieving the honourable gentleman from penalties under the Independence of Parliament Act; but after the close of the session of 1884, Sir Charles resigned his seat in the cabinet, and retained the high commissionership. Some say that we have not seen the last of him yet, and that when Sir John pays the tribute of all humanity, that Sir Charles will rise up among the Conservative party, and demand the mantle. Probably he will; and many think that Sir Hector Langevin will say:—"Nay; the mantle has been overlong with Englishmen—it now belongs to me."

McColl, Rev. A., Chatham, Ontario, was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1818. His parents were John and Catherine McColl, who emigrated in 1818, and finally, after a short residence in the State of New York, settled in the township of Esquesing, where they lived on a farm, during the remainder of their days. Our subject was sent to a school there to learn those subjects which were taught in such places in those days. He was set by his teacher to study Latin, of which he then acquired a considerable knowledge, and also, though in a less degree, of Greek. He was employed then for a few years on the farm, but he subsequently attended the Grammar school in Toronto, where the governor's prize was awarded him for his classical attainments. He went then to a similar school at Hamilton, which was then, and for sometime after, conducted by Dr. John Rae, well known for his varied attainments, and specially for his knowledge of political economy. His time, while under Dr. Rae's instructions, was devoted to the classics, to mathematics, and to the French language; here also, he began to study Hebrew, but without a master. He acted for a short while as assistant to Dr. Rae in his school. He then went to reside at Queenston, in the family of the Hon. John Hamilton, in the capacity of tutor to his children. He continued to reside in the family after they removed to Kingston. When Queen's College was opened, he entered as a student, where he enjoyed the lectures of Principal Liddell and Professors Campbell and Williamson. It is unnecessary to dwell on these men, who were distinguished each in his own way. Our subject has met but once since a man who read

Greek with so keen an appreciation and rapturous enjoyment as Professor Campbell. Professor Williamson is the only one that survives, and his students did not know which to admire the more, his knowledge of the subjects which he taught, or his simplicity of character. When the Presbyterian church was rent in twain, he removed to Toronto, to what has grown up to be Knox College, and where he continued till he had completed his studies. He was subsequently licensed to preach. His first charge was in Chatham, where he was ordained to the pastorate of a congregation in 1848, and where he has been since that time. He was appointed to the inspectorate of the public schools, Chatham, about twenty-five years ago, and he still discharges its duties. Our subject's religious views have never changed. He was brought up and educated as a Presbyterian, and his opinions are what is commonly known as the orthodox faith. He married, in 1849, Alice, the second daughter of John Ross, Toronto. Mr. Ross was born in Canada, and served his country in the year 1812. He has published lectures on Macaulay, Holland House, Montalambert, and other subjects. He has never taken part in public discussions, except when his office requires it.

Heggie, David, M.D., Bramp'ton, Ontario, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in the year 1837. His father, David Heggie, was a native of Collessie, Fifeshire, Scotland, where he owned considerable property, and was known as the "Laird." His mother, Isabella, is a daughter of Mr. Walker, of the late firm of Walker & Steele, well known building contractors in Edinburgh. The doctor received his education in the Parish school of Collessie, and was for four years a pupil teacher in that school, reducing by one year the usual period of five, obtaining examination by special permission of Her Majesty's committee of council on education. Successful in obtaining a first class Queen's scholarship, he returned to Edinburgh, and after a two years' course in the General Assembly's Training College, succeeded in obtaining a superior "C.M." He then attended for a year in Arts at Edinburgh University, at the end of which time he came to Canada, settling in the neighbourhood of Bramp'ton. After teaching for three years he took a medical course in the Toronto School of Medicine and Queen's College, Kingston, graduating from the latter university in 1865. He has been practising in Bramp'ton ever since. Dr. Heggie is surgeon to the County gaol, and is coroner