

naked and tied to a tree, whilst three robbers were dividing the spoils of which they had stripped her. To rush forward and ride down these ruffians was the work of a moment, and then springing off his horse, wrapped his long riding cloak about the form of the fair lady, and mounting his horse, bore her unconscious form before him on the saddle to her home. This piece of plate was a memento of his exploit, presented to him by the lady herself, whom it is believed, he afterwards married. He adopted the figure of her tied to the tree, and she had it engraven as his crest.

Hallam, John, was born in Chorley, Lancashire, England, on October 13th, 1833. His parents were operatives in a cotton factory in Chorley, and were very poor, but they were honest and respectable, and frugal and thrifty. As soon as our subject was able to do anything he was put at work in a factory, and had no opportunity of getting education until he became twenty years of age, and then it was only by attending a night school that he attained his object. He came to Canada on September 2nd, 1856, arriving in Toronto; and on his arrival there he experienced very hard times, and was obliged to work at anything that offered. So for a period he was employed putting down posts, digging, delivering flour and feed, and doing other kinds of labour. He began business on his own account in June, 1866, as a hide, wool and leather merchant, and has succeeded in establishing a large and lucrative trade. He occupied the position of alderman for the city of Toronto for twelve years, and during part of that period acted as chairman of the Industrial Exhibition and many other important committees. He resigned the position in 1883, wishing to devote more of his time to his own affairs. Mr. Hallam was the first chairman of the Free City Library, and this institution is under no small obligation to him for its existence. From the time the project was first spoken of until the present, he has worked unceasingly for its success, and it must be a great pleasure to him to think that his exertions have been crowned with such abundant success. He has very generously presented the Library with 2,000 very valuable books. Mr. Hallam has travelled a great deal, having visited almost every country in Europe, except Norway and Russia, and nearly every state in the United States of America. In religion Mr. Hallam is a liberal christian, refusing to be bound by any creed or confession, and he worships God in accordance with the light of his con-

science. In politics, he is an uncompromising radical of the Lancashire type, and a free-trader; the folly of protection having been brought home to him while he resided in England. He remembers having seen 6d. paid for a loaf of bread, which two days before had cost (under the Corn Laws) double that sum. Mr. Hallam is the very personification of activity, and this, combined with his unusual ability, has enabled him to grapple with and overcome the hard fortune which met him at the beginning of his life. His public career has been a very useful, and in many respects, a very brilliant one. As a legislator at the municipal board he was quick and eminently practical; while it stands upon record that he has propounded several measures of considerable municipal importance. Among these may be mentioned the abolition of tax exemption. He likewise advocated the abolition of taxes on incomes and personal property for municipal purposes, and maintained that the tax upon real estate is the only true basis of taxation. Mr. Hallam has been married twice; and his second wife, who is now living, came from Baltimore. Altogether Mr. Hallam's career has been highly honourable to himself, and not a little profitable to the community.

Langevin, Sir Hector Louis, K.C. M.G., the present Minister of Public Works for Canada, and the foremost living French-Canadian statesman, was born at the City of Quebec on the 25th of August, 1826. His father was the late M. John Langevin, who was assistant Civil Secretary under Lords Gosford and Sydenham; and his mother was Sophia Scholastique, a daughter of Major La Force, who served his country with much gallantry during the invasion of 1812-14. Young Hector Louis, the subject of this sketch, received his education at the Quebec Seminary, and in 1846 he left school to begin the study of law with the late Hon. A. N. Morin, at Montreal. He had an early taste for literature, and while pursuing his studies, wrote a great deal for the press. He became editor of the *Mélanges Religieux* in 1847, and subsequently editor of the *Journal of Agriculture*, both papers being published in Montreal. When M. Morin retired from practice, Langevin entered the office of the late Sir George Etienne Cartier. Thus began the connection between those two distinguished men which was destined to last so long, to be so close and so loyal, and of such importance to the French Canadians, as well as to the Dominion of Canada. In 1854 M. Langevin married Justine, eldest daughter of the late Lieut.-Colonel Charles

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