

an hon. Comnr. to the Col. and Ind. Exhn., and, in the same year, he attended the Brit. and Col. Temp. Congress held in London. A R. C. in religion, he m. Aug., 1850, Jane, dau. of the late Alexis Pellant, Montreal.—*Quebec*.

"In every respect he was a model head of a department."—*Free Press*.

OWENS, Hon. William, Senator, is the s. of Owen Owens, of Denbigh, Wales, by his wife, Charlotte Lindley, of Brantford, Eng., and was b. at Stonefield, P.Q., May 15, 1840. Ed. there, he early embarked in commerce, and was for some yrs. head of the firm of T. & W. Owens, merchants and forwarders, but retired from business, 1887. A few yrs. ago he and his bro. purchased the ungranted portion of the Papi-neau Seigniory, Co. of Labelle, consisting of 80,000 acres, and engaged extensively in the lumber business (Thomas). He has been postmaster and mayor of Chatham, P.Q. He is now a V.-P. of the South Shore Ry., and was called to the Senate, by Lord Aberdeen, Jan. 2, 1896. He served in the V. M., 1868-83. Mr. O. sat for Argenteuil, as a Con., in the Que. Assembly, 1881-91, when he resigned to contest the constituency for the Ho. of Commons, and was defeated. He had also previously (Oct., 1874) unsuccessfully contested the co. for the Commons. A mem. of the Ch. of Eng., he is a del. to the Genl. Synod of the Ch. He was one of two mems. of the Que. Assembly who opposed the passage of Mercier's Jesuits' Estates Act. He m. 1st, 1862, Miss Kate Powers (she d. June, 1864); 2ndly, 1872, Miss Clarissa Lennie Miller (she d. Apl., 1873); 3rdly, Mrs. Eliza Sarah O'Brien, sister of the preceding (she d. Feb., 1878); and 4thly, Sept., 1890, Margt., 2nd dau. of John McMartin, Chicago.—*Stonefield, P.Q.*

OXLEY, James Macdonald, author, is the s. of the late Jas. Black Oxley, merchant, Halifax, N.S., by his wife, Ellen Macdonald, of Antigonish, N.S. B. in Halifax, Oct.

22, 1855, he was ed. at the Halifax Grammar Sch. (*Dux*), at Dalhousie Univ. (B.A., with honours in Phil., 1874), and at Harvard Univ. After graduating LL.B. at the Univ. of Halifax, he was called to the bar, 1878, and practised in his native city for 5 yrs. During that period he edited 3 vols. of "N. S. Decisions" and 1 vol. of "Young's Admiralty Decisions." He also contributed to the *Am. Law Rev.* Mr. O. went to Ottawa, Mch., 1883, as legal adviser to the Dept. of Marine and Fisheries. He resigned this office, Oct., 1891, to enter the service of the Sun Life Assur. Co. Since 1892 he has been the mangr. of this co. at the head office, Montreal. Mr. O. had always an inclination towards literature, but it was not until his removal to Ottawa that he gave himself seriously to a literary career. Commencing as a contributor to the *Continent* he has since written for over 50 periodicals, including *Scribner*, the *Popular Science Monthly*, the *Forum*, the *North Am. Rev.*, the *Mag. of Am. History*, the *Cosmopolitan*, *Lippincott*, the *American*, *Harper's Young People*, the *Youth's Companion*, *Macmillan*, etc. His articles deal with a variety of subjects and cover a wide field, in connection chiefly with Can. history and adventure. In 1885 he began to write for the younger generation, entering a field which he has made peculiarly his own. His first book, "Bert Lloyd's Boyhood," appeared in Philadelphia, 1887. Since then he has produced in rapid succession a large number of other books, all of which have been well received on both sides of the Atlantic, and have added greatly to his reputation. He has been spoken of by a well-known critic as "probably the most prolific and versatile writer in Can." and as "a man of wide reading, thorough information and discrimination." Among his best known works are: "Up Among the Ice Floes" (1890); "The Chorus Boy of Camp Kippewa" (1891); "The Wreckers of Sable Island" (do.); "Donald Grant's