

Hon. Richard Harcourt, M.P.P.

Hon. Richard Harcourt, M.A., K.C., was born in the Township of Seneca, in the County of Haldimand, March 17th, 1849. His father, the late Michael Harcourt, represented that county in the Canadian Parliament for two terms. Upon leaving the public school, in the village of York, he studied for a time at the Cayuga High School. Subsequently he was principal first of the same Public, and later of the same High School. He was carefully prepared for the university by the Rev. B. C. Hill, who was a gradu-

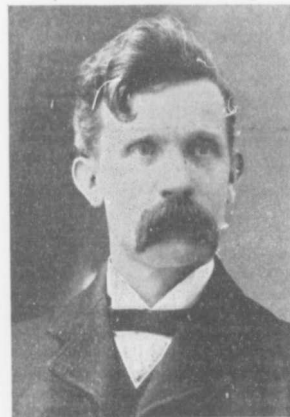


ate of Trinity College, Dublin. At the university he won prizes year by year, and upon graduating he was awarded a medal in Metaphysics and Ethics. Upon resigning the principalship of the Cayuga High School, he was appointed Inspector of Public Schools of his native county. Afterwards he studied law at Toronto and was called to the Bar in 1876. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1890. He has practised law in Welland for more than twenty years, and is the senior member of the firm of Harcourt, Cowper & Maccomb. He is a Liberal in politics, and was first elected to the Legislature in 1878, for the electoral district of Monck. He has represented that constituency continuously ever since. He became a member of the Mowat Administration in September, 1890, and filled the position of Pro-

vincial Treasurer until 1899, when he was appointed to his present office, viz., that of Minister of Education. He has been for some time a member of the Senate of the University of Toronto, and a trustee of Upper Canada College. At all times he has done everything in his power to advance the interests of Welland.

J. F. Gross, M.P.P.

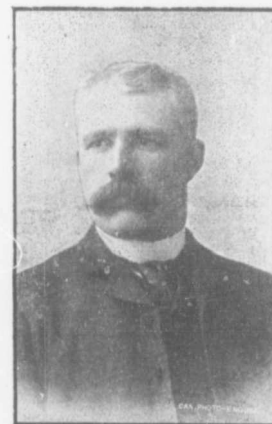
Mr. John F. Gross, the subject of this sketch, and present member of the Ontario Legislature from this district, was born in the township of Hay, Huron County, Ont., July 19, 1859, but has been a resident of Welland since childhood. Mr. Gross is practically a self made man, having obtained an elementary and advanced courses in the public schools, at such intervals as could best be devoted to that laudable purpose, while maintaining himself. Mr. Gross is



a graduate of Osgoode Hall, and was admitted to the bar in 1897, at once establishing practice in Welland, with offices on East Main Street, opposite the Court House. Mr. Gross was elected a member of the Ontario Legislature on Dec. 13, 1900, and re-elected in May 29th, 1902, and though a Liberal in politics, has always exercised a broad and progressive policy in all affairs of state, and as a citizen of Welland, is alive to every interest pertaining to the town's welfare.

W. M. German, M.P.

William Manley German, than whom no citizen of Welland is held in more popular esteem, was born in the township of Hillier, Prince Edward Co., May 26, 1851. Mr. German obtained an elementary education in the public schools of his home district, supplemented by an advanced course in Victoria College, Cobourg. He was admitted to the bar in 1882, and became a barrister a year later. He entered practice in Welland in 1882, and is at present senior member of the law firm of German & Pettit, with offices in the Arlington Hotel building, on East Main Street. Mr. German was elected Deputy Reeve for Welland for one year by acclamation. At the general election in



1891, he was elected a member of the House of Commons, but was unseated. At the succeeding election in 1894, he was elected a member of the Ontario Legislature, and re-elected at the following general election in 1898, resigning therefrom to contest Welland for a seat in the House of Commons in 1900, and in which he was successful. Personally, Mr. German is gifted with that rare faculty of magnetism, which redounds to his credit, and while affiliating with the Liberals politically, is endowed with a broad and progressive business spirit, that at once popularizes him with the masses. He has always evinced a lively interest in all that pertained to the advancement of the town's interests, and occupies a fine residence upon Division Street,—Welland's fashionable boulevard.