

the government printing, Mr. Rose was assigned to take the management of the office in Quebec, whither he removed in 1859. This arrangement did not long continue. Mr. Thompson found himself unable, financially, to carry out his contract alone, and a company was organized for the purpose, including Mr. Rose and Mr. Robert Hunter, an experienced accountant. Mr. Thompson retired from the business altogether soon afterwards, leaving it to the new firm, of Hunter, Rose & Co., who completed the contract and secured its renewal. On the removal of the seat of Government to Ottawa in 1865, the firm of course followed. A large and lucrative business was soon built up, and in 1868 a branch was established at Toronto, the firm having secured a ten years' contract for the printing of the Provincial Government. In 1871 their relations with the Dominion Government terminated, and the business was consolidated in Toronto. The firm now entered extensively into the business of publishing Canadian reprints of English copyright books, principally the popular novels of living writers, for which a ready market was found. The firm honestly compensated the authors whose works they reproduced, although this of course placed them at a disadvantage as compared with the piratical publishers of the United States. Another and probably a greater service to the intellectual progress of the country rendered by this enterprising firm, was the publication—at first for others, but latterly at their own risk—of the *Canadian Monthly*, the last and by far the best literary magazine ever issued in this country. This venture unfortunately did not prove pecuniarily successful, and though sustained for many years with a liberality and public spirit highly creditable to the publishers, was at length discontinued. In 1877 the death of Mr. Hunter left Mr. Rose the sole member of the firm, and a year afterwards he took his brother, Daniel, into the concern, the well-known firm-name being still retained. Widely as Mr. George M. Rose is known to the Canadian people as a successful and enterprising publisher, he has acquired a still more extensive reputation by his unselfish exertions in the cause of Temperance and moral reform. A life-long total abstainer and prohibitionist, he has taken an active part in Temperance work in connection with various organizations. He has attained the highest offices in the gift of the Sons of Temperance in the Dominion, having been several times chosen to fill the chair of Grand Worthy Patriarch of the Order, both in Quebec and Ontario, and has also held the second highest position conferrable by that Order for the whole continent, having been Most Worthy Associate of the National Division of North America. His heart and purse are always open to the appeals

for the advancement of the Temperance cause, which he regards as being of vastly more importance than mere party issues. Though a Liberal, politically, he regards all public issues from the standpoint of temperance reform. Personally Mr. Rose is genial, sociable and unassuming. As his career shows, he has abundant business capacity, and the enthusiasm which forms so strong a feature of his character is well regulated by a fund of practical common sense. Mr. Rose is still in harness, and continues to manifest those virtues of character and disposition that have endeared him to everyone with whom he comes in contact. As one of the chiefs of commerce in the Provincial capital, he actively interests himself in the various fields of enlightened citizenship, industrial and commercial, and in an aldermanic capacity has served the city of Toronto in many signal ways. For a number of years he has been a prominent and active member of the Toronto Board of Trade, and has for many years been the trusted and responsible Treasurer of the Board. In 1881 he was elected Vice-president, and in the following year chosen President, of the Board. He is also a director of the Ontario Bank, and takes a large practical view of financial as well as political questions. In religion, as well as in politics, he is a Liberal, and finds in the Unitarian Church, of which he is a worthy and much-valued member, room for that large christian charity and toleration which distinguish him. In 1856 Mr. Rose married Margaret, daughter of the late William Manson, farmer, of Oxford County, Ont., by whom he has issue ten children, nine of whom (six sons and three daughters) survive.

#### WILLIAM BORTHWICK,

*Ottawa, Ont.*

**W**ILLIAM BORTHWICK, Alderman of the City of Ottawa, was born in the township of Gloucester, Carleton county, Ont., February 13th, 1848. Through both his parents he is of Scotch descent, his father, Thomas Borthwick, being a native of Edinburgh, and his mother, whose maiden name was Margaret Templeton, owning Glasgow as the place of her birth. His grandfather was, for many years, agent for the estate of Sir Alexander Keith, and Thomas was also employed on that nobleman's property for some time prior to 1834, in which year he came to Canada as agent for James Stephenson, a wealthy Scottish gentleman. For Mr. Stephenson, shortly after his own arrival in this country, Thomas Borthwick located a large farm in Gloucester township, about two miles from Ottawa. Margaret Templeton's father, who was a colour-sergeant in the British army (the 88th