

Club of Ontario, a conservative political organization. He is Past Master of Lodge No. 38 of the Masonic Order, and his father before him was a prominent member of that fraternity. Mr. Francis was one of the delegates to present the farewell address of the municipalities of Ontario to Lord Dufferin at Quebec, September 5, 1878.

His religious connection is with the Church of England; for some years he was warden of St. George's church, and is now a member of the Synod of Ontario. His moral standing, like his legal, is high.

His wife was Mercia Clarinda, youngest daughter of Col. Sheldon Hawley, who was an officer during the rebellion of 1837-'38, and a prominent citizen of Trenton; married July 10, 1867. Mrs Francis accompanied her husband to Florida, and has traveled extensively in the United States.

Born when Trenton was a very small village, Mr. Francis has seen it gradually expand until it has between 3,000 and 4,000 inhabitants, with fine churches on either side of the Trent river, large school houses and commercial blocks, extensive manufactures, railroad connections with the east and west, and soon to have them to the north and south. Within eight miles from the mouth of the Trent, this stream, one of the largest in the Province, has a fall of 100 feet, with rapids all along the way, forming hydraulic privileges unsurpassed in these parts; and should Mr. Francis live a few more years, he will doubtless be called upon to aid in securing a city charter for his native town.

SAMUEL ROBERTSON,

HARRISTON.

SAMUEL ROBERTSON, banker, is a native of Glasgow, Scotland, dating his birth, March 31, 1831. His father, James Robertson, was a weaver in that city, and his grandfather had to flee from Scotland to Ireland at one time on account of political troubles. The mother of Samuel was Marion Harvie, also Scotch. In May, 1841, the family came to Upper Canada, and our subject went on the farm of Henry Widdefield, three miles from Newmarket, where he spent between one and two years, doing chores, and attending school three months; spent two and a half years in the village of Newmarket as an apprentice in a woollen factory; then entered the store of M. P. Empey (then warden of North York), in the same village, and was with him until 1848, when he removed to Toronto. After clerking in that city a few months, Mr. Robertson went to Schomberg, in the same county, clerked there three years, then became a partner of Asa Moore, of the same place, and one year later came to Hollen, township of Maryborough, in the county of Wellington, where he was in the mercantile trade for fifteen years.

The health of Mr. Robertson failing at the end of that period, he deemed it best to have a