

private business, he was a trusted councillor on the the boards of several public companies and institutions. He was a director of the Molsons Bank, president of the Loan & Investment Association, and vice-president of the Provincial Loan Association. The deceased gentleman was also foremost in works of a charitable nature, and the boards and committees of several charitable societies have missed his kindly presence, his sympathetic aid, and his valued advice. Particularly, his death was mourned by the pastor and congregation of the American Presbyterian Church. For many years he was an active member of that church, and at his death was senior elder, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, and superintendent of the Sunday School, in all of which his loss has been deeply felt. This worthy man died at home in Montreal, on the 24th December, 1882. Speaking of his demise on the following day, the *Gazette* said: "By his death the community loses a large-hearted, upright and honourable citizen, and the city, one who as a member of the council and in various other capacities has proved himself a man of sound judgment, of sterling integrity, and of active and beneficial enterprise."

Kerns, Major William, Burlington, Ont., M.P.P. for Halton, was born in the County of Halton, on the 6th of September, 1840. He is a son of Nicholas and Mary Ann (Waterbury) Kerns. Nicholas Kerns was born in the County of Halton, and was a son of Nicholas Kerns, who came thither from Germany. The father of Major Kerns adopted the life of a farmer, and so continued until the time of his death. He had a family of six, William being the eldest. William Kerns received a common school education; and after completing his studies, remained in the old homestead until he was nineteen, when he began to learn the mercantile business. In 1860, he entered into the employ of Waldie & Co., of Burlington, general merchants, where he remained for six years. Then (1866) he was admitted a partner in the firm, maintaining the connection until 1880, when Mr. Waldie retired, Mr. Kerns carrying on the business under the firm name of W. Kerns & Co., it being well known and still conducted by them. In 1882 he purchased the warehouses and wharves of the late Wm. Buntin, of Burlington, and has since that date been engaged in the business of wharfing and grain merchant, in connection with the general mercantile trade. In 1866 he entered the Hamilton Military school and obtained a

second class certificate, under Col. Peacock, and after leaving school was appointed ensign in the 20th, row Lorne Rifles. In 1883 he obtained a first class military certificate. He holds the position of senior major in the corps. He has been a school trustee in Burlington, and held the position for ten years, being always interested in educational work. In 1879, he was by acclamation chosen reeve of the village of Burlington, and was re-elected for the three successive years without opposition. In 1883, he contested, in the Conservative interest, the County of Halton, against Dr. Robinson, of Milton, and was elected by a majority of 150 votes. Major Kerns is the first vice-president of the Federal Life Insurance Company, of Hamilton; is a member of the Masonic craft, lodge No. 165, A.F. & A.M., of Burlington, and past master of the same; also of the Scottish rite, in which he has taken the 31st degree. He is also grand steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada. He is also an Oddfellow, a member of the A.O. U.W., and past county master of the Orange order. In politics he is a very sturdy Conservative, and in religion, a Presbyterian. He married in 1868, Ellen, daughter of Charles Morris, of Burlington, by whom he has had four children, two of whom are living. Major Kerns is one of the most industrious members of the legislature; and in committee his energy, good judgment, and wide stock of information upon most of the subjects up for consideration, make him an extremely valuable member of the house. A man of such equipment naturally commands considerable influence; and Halton is to be congratulated upon its representation.

Graham, Peter, Warwick, Ontario, J.P., M.P.P. for East Lambton, was born in the County of Cumberland, on the 16th July, 1821; and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth Graham. Thomas Graham engaged in the occupation of a carter and hotel-keeper in England; but in 1834 he set sail for Canada, landing in Quebec with his family. He settled in Côte St Charles, County of Vaudreuil, where he took up a farm, and here remained until his death. Mrs. Graham died in England. Peter Graham received a common school education in England, and after his arrival in Canada adopted farming for three years; then public discontent broke out in rebellion, and Mr. Graham was one of those who joined the volunteers under Captain Crawford, No. 8 company. He afterwards transferred to the 3rd Provisional battalion, under Colonel Vankoughnet, and was dis-