

SHAW, ALEXANDER. (*South Bruce.*)

Descended from John Shaw, yeoman, deceased, of the Township of Ramsay, Lanark, Ont., who was one of the earliest settlers in that Township. His son, William McNairn Shaw, was the first white child born in that settlement, and at the time of his death represented South Lanark in the Ontario Legislature. B. 1833, in the Township of Ramsay. Ed. at Town of Perth. M., in 1860, to Anna, dau. of Peter Robertson, merchant, of the Town of Kincardine, Bruce. A Barrister. Was Mayor of Walkerton one year, fourth year after it was incorporated, and has been since the County of Bruce was separated from Huron, 11 years, and is now, Solicitor for that County. First returned to Parliament at last g.e. A Liberal Conservative, and is of opinion that our industries should be benefited by a protective policy suited to our wants and the country we inhabit.—*Walkerton, Ont.*

SKINNER, Lieut. Col. JAMES ATCHESON. (*South Oxford.*)

B. in the Royal Burgh of Tain, Ross-shire, Scot., 1826. Ed. at the Grammar School and Royal Academy there. Came to Can. 1843. M., 1849, Agnes, second dau. of Robert Johnson, Esq., of Annandale. "A farmer, and proud of being a farmer." Entered the Can. Volunteer Militia Service, 1855, and shortly afterwards organized the first Highland company enrolled in Western Can.; in 1860, after the disbandment of the first one, organized a second Highland company (which he uniformed at his own expense), and which did duty during the visit to Hamilton of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; in 1862, on the formation of the 13th V.I., became Major, and in 1866 succeeded to the Lieut. Colonelcy of that Batt.; a position he still retains. Is also Vice-President of the Ontario Rifle Assn.; a mem. of Council of Dominion Rifle Assn.; and Presdt. of the Highland Society of Hamilton and Canada West (holding a charter from the Highland Society of Scotland); and of the Highland Society of Embro. Was present at Ridgeway with the 13th; and acted as Brigadier at the military camps at Niagara, 1873-74. Col. Skinner also organized and commanded the first colonial "team" (raised in Ontario in 1871) for competition at the annual rifle matches at Wimbledon. First returned to Parlt. for present seat, 23 May 1874, on the resignation of the sitting member. Re-elected at last g.e. "In politics has always been a Reformer, and will always be found using his best endeavours to procure an