

THE LATE ALEXANDER HENDERSON MANNING.

The late Alexander Henderson Manning, at one time Mayor of the City of Toronto, was one of the leading contractors of Canada, some of the most beautiful structures in the Dominion remaining as enduring monuments of his skill. He was a native of Ireland, having been born in Dublin, May 11th, 1819, his father, the late William Manning, being long a resident of that city.

Mr. Alexander H. Manning was educated in Dublin, shortly after the completion of his education coming to Canada in 1834, and entering the building trade at Toronto. He rapidly rose to the top as a reliable contractor, and while yet a young man executed many important contracts. Perhaps the best known of his works is the graceful and beautiful Parliamentary library at Ottawa, which is a source of legitimate pride to all patriotic Canadians, and a noble memorial to its clever and conscientious builder. Among other notable works executed by Mr. Manning were the Toronto Normal School, several sections of the Welland Canal, and numerous railway lines in the United

States, as well as in Canada. He acquired large holdings of real estate in the city of Toronto, and erected on some of them substantial commercial structures, which will be for all time ornaments to the Queen City of the West. He was a most public-spirited citizen, was for many years a member of the Toronto City Council as alderman, and for two terms as Mayor. In politics a Liberal Conservative, he was tendered the party nomination for Parliament, but declined. At various times he filled the honorable positions of President of the Toronto St. Patrick's Society, of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, of the National Club, of the Traders Bank, and of the Toronto Home for Incurables, a worthy institution which owed its establishment to his benevolence. Mr. Manning was a devoted adherent and liberal subscriber to the work of the Church of England.

Mr. Manning was twice married, first in 1850 to Miss Whittemore, who died, and, secondly, in 1861, to a daughter of the late Hon. Hollis Smith, member of the Legislative Council, who died in 1893.