

and the firm of W. and R. Henry and Co. still continues, Mr. Parkhill managing the entire business. They cut about 2,500,000 feet per annum, their principal market being Toronto.

Mr. Parkhill is a first-class business man, and besides his operations in lumber, has done some valuable work in the municipalities of Mulmur and Simcoe, having served as deputy reeve two years, and reeve one year, being elected every time by acclamation.

On the 30th of October, 1878, Hon. William Macdougall, having resigned his seat in the Ontario Legislature, Mr. Parkhill was elected in his place, and was re-elected by acclamation at the general election, held on the 5th of June, 1879. He is a strong Conservative, represents a strong Conservative district, and is a party leader in his riding. During the last five years he has been president of the Conservative Association of Mulmur, still holding that position. He has much influence in party councils. His religious home is in the Presbyterian church, and he is a generous supporter of christian enterprises.

In 1863, Mr. Parkhill was joined in marriage with Miss Ann Jane Crossley, of the township of King, and they have six children, three sons and three daughters.

JOHN LECKIE,

BRUSSELS.

JOHN LECKIE, banker and reeve of the village of Brussels, is a son of Robert and Margaret (Gardner) Leckie, and was born in the township of Dalhousie, county of Lanark, June 27, 1834. His grandfather, John Leckie, came from Scotland and settled in that township something like sixty years ago, and died in the county of Lambton, near Sarnia, three or four years ago, at the advanced age of 95 years, his wife dying a little earlier, aged 93 years.

In the early youth of our subject, school-houses in the greater part of the county of Lanark, were few and far apart, the first one where he attended being five miles from his father's house. It was built of logs, with a stone chimney of huge dimensions at one end, split slabs for seats and rough boards for desks. In that house he conquered his *b a b s*, and words of a minor number of syllables. His grandfather lived not far off, and in stormy weather he found shelter there for a few days, instead of returning every night the five miles to his father's house. The other log houses, at which he subsequently attended school, were very much more accessible, and their style of architecture indicated a slight advance, though there was nothing Gothic or Corinthian about either of them. The first teacher which our subject had was John Donald, the second, John Livingston, a cousin of the celebrated missionary and African explorer.

In his younger years Mr. Leckie did a variety of work—farmed, aided in getting out