

During a heated, political canvass, Mr. Larke is usually called upon to enter into public discussions of the issues, and there are but few speakers in the Province who can match him in debate. He is thoroughly versed in the details of public affairs; is clear, logical, candid and persuasive in argument, without any of the tricks of unfair disputants, and is at times decidedly eloquent. His tongue, as well as pen, has much influence in every political canvass.

Mr. Larke is chairman of the Local Board of Education, and a director of the Ontario Loan and Savings Company; is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but rarely, we believe, meets with the Lodge, but among the Sons of Temperance he is more active having held high positions in the Order, being at one time Grand Worthy Associate of the Grand Division of the Province. He is a true friend of his fellow-man, and by tongue and pen works for his highest interests. Religiously he is connected with the Canada Methodist Church of which he is a local preacher, and a Bible Class Teacher. He loves Sunday school work. The young have no truer friend in Oshawa than Mr. Larke.

On the 20th of October, 1870, Miss Elizabeth A. Bain, of Oshawa, was united in marriage with Mr. Larke, and they have three children.

JAMES McMAHON, M.D., M.P.P.,

DUNDAS.

JAMES McMAHON, member of the Ontario Legislature, is a native of Dundas, being born here July 1, 1830. His father Hugh McMahon, many years a Provincial Surveyor, was from the County of Cavan, north of Ireland; and his mother, whose maiden name was Ann McGovern, was also from that county. James was educated by his father, who was a classical scholar; at fifteen years of age commenced to study medicine with Dr. James Mitchell, of Dundas; attended lectures in the medical department of the University of Toronto; became a Licentiate of the Medical Board of Upper Canada, and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the medical department of Victoria College.

Dr. McMahon commenced the practice of his profession at Ayr, County of Waterloo, in 1850; two years later he returned to Dundas, and formed a partnership with his preceptor, which connection was dissolved by the death of Dr. Mitchell, by cholera, in the summer of 1854. Since that date Dr. McMahon has been alone. He has always been in general practice; has usually had a good run of business, and has been quite successful, standing high in the profession. He has made the science of medicine his constant study and is a progressive man.

Dr. McMahon, though a busy man in his calling, has rendered, at times, important service