

Morgan's *Legal Directory* (1878), to which we are indebted for the facts here given, also says that:

"Since his elevation to the Bench, Judge Moss has tried many cases of great public interest; notably the case of Wm. Henry Smith for the murder of Ralph Spence Finlay, at Lambton fall assizes in 1875; of Michael McConnell for the murder of Nelson Mills at the Wentworth spring assizes in 1876; of Wm. Ward for the murder of his wife at the Brampton spring assizes in 1876; and of Mrs. Fradette for the murder of her husband at the Belleville fall assizes same year. All of these parties were convicted, with the exception of Mrs. Fradette, who was acquitted."

In July, 1863, Judge Moss was married to Amy, eldest daughter of the late Justice Sullivan, of Toronto.

HON. PETER GOW,

GUELPH.

ONE of the most prominent men in Guelph, is Peter Gow, many years a member of the Ontario Parliament, at one time in the Provincial Ministry, and now sheriff of the county of Wellington. He is a native of Johnstone, Renfrewshire, Scotland, a son of John Gow, boot and shoe manufacturer, and was born November 20, 1818. The Gows are an old Perthshire family. The mother of our subject was Agnes Ferguson, a native of Argyleshire. He was educated at a private school, and afterwards assisted in his father's business until his departure for Canada.

In 1842 Mr. Gow left the old country, hoping to find a less crowded field for enterprise in Canada; he halted between one and two years in Brockville, and in 1844 settled in Guelph, here building a tannery, keeping a leather store, and buying as well as manufacturing leather, dealing largely in the article until 1868, when he retired from business.

More than twenty years ago he built a woollen mill, and a few years later an oatmeal mill, both on the Speed river, and run by the same power with the tannery. These manufactures he still owns and leases. He has been eminently successful in his several business enterprises, and while placing himself in comfortable circumstances, has done much to augment the capital and growth of the newly made city of Guelph, of which he may well be called one of the fosterers and fathers. In its humbler days, when it was known as a town, he sat for a dozen years or more in its municipal council, and that of the county, being Chief Magistrate two of those years. At the end of his last year of service in that capacity, he was presented by his fellow-members with the following memorial:

At the expiration of your second term of office, the members of the town council cannot permit their official connection with you to cease, without an expression of their sentiments, and a memorial of their regard.

This we do with feelings of no ordinary nature, characterized, as that connection with ourselves, as mayor of the corporation for the last two years, has always been with mutual confidence and esteem, whilst at the