

outset of his career, he was a successful man of business. "Possessing a marked prescience in finance," as a Can. writer has remarked, "united with tireless energy and remarkable tenacity of purpose, it is not surprising that everything he has touched should have prospered." This has been especially so with the Can. Permt. Loan and Savings Co., an institution which he organized, 1855, and of which since then he has been the chief ex. offr., under the respective titles of Secy.-Treas., Mangr., Mang. Dir., and Presdt. He is known also in connection with the Torrens system of Land Transfer. In 1883 he took a prominent part in organizing the Can. Land Law Amendment Assn., which brought this system to the notice of the Can. people, and he has been Presdt. of the Assn. from its formation up to the present time. He has been annually elected Presdt. of the Ont. Land Mortgage Companies Assn. from its organization, in 1887, to the present time. He was Presdt. of the Toronto branch of the Imp. Fed. League, and is now a mem. of the council of the body succeeding it—the Brit. Empire League. He has been 3 times elected Presdt. of the St. George's Soc., Toronto, and likewise Presdt. of the St. George's Union of North Am., and has been a mem. of the Council of the Toronto Bd. of Trade since 1894. He was one of the founders of the Confederation Life Assn., and is now V.-P. and Chairman of the Ont. Branch of the Great West Life Assn.; a dir. of the Ont. Accident Ins. Co., and a trustee of the Univ. of Toronto. A mem. of the Ch. of Eng., he has sat in the Diocesan Synod, and is a dir. of the *Evangel. Churchman* Pub. Co.; a trustee of the Bp. Ridley Coll., St. Catharines, and Vice-Chairman of the Council of Wycliffe Coll. In 1888 he gave \$1000 to U. C. Coll. for the founding of 2 medals, to be awarded annually to the pupils most distinguished for excellence of character. He has never taken an

active part in politics. Mr. M. m. 1855, Sarah J., dau. of the late J. S. Darracott, Plymouth, Eng. (she d.); and 2ndly, 1881, Elizabeth, dau. of the late Jas. Campbell, Toronto. Mrs. M. is Presdt. of the Chamber Music Assn., Toronto.—"*Ermeleigh*," *Sherbourne St., Toronto*; "*Chief's Island*," *Lake Joseph, Ont.*; *Toronto Club*; *R. C. Y. Club*.

MASON, Major John James, V. M. is the s. of the late J. J. Mason, M.D., and was b. at Kilby, Northamptonshire, Eng., Feb. 4, 1842. Coming to Can. in early life, he lived for some time at Woodstock, Ont. On removing to Hamilton, he became ed. and prop. of the *Craftsman*, and was afterwards a public auditor and accountant. He was for some time auditor of the Gt. Western Ry., both before and after its amalgamation with the Grand Trunk Ry. Elected an Ald., he was twice Mayor of Hamilton, and attended the Toronto Municipal Conf., 1889. He was also Presdt. of the Central Fair Assn., Presdt. of the St. George's Soc., and was elected Chairman of the Hamilton Sch. Bd., 1897. He was apptd. a mem. of the Govt. Comn. to enquire into the mode of remunerating Provl. Co. officials, 1894, and was likewise a mem., as well as Chairman, of the Ont. Toll Roads Comn., 1895. He joined the active mil. as Quartermast., 13th Batt., June, 1866, and attained the rank of hon. maj., 1881. Present at Ridgeway, he has since become one of the best known riflemen in the Dom. He was a mem. of the first team of riflemen sent from Ont. to Wimbledon, 1871, and, in 1897, commanded the team sent to Bisley. He has been for yrs. on the Council and the Ex. of the Dom. Rifle Assn. and of the Ont. Rifle Assn. He was elected Presdt. of the Victoria Rifle Club and Presdt. of the Can. Mil. Rifle League, 1897. He enjoys high rank as a Freemason, and has held the office of Grand Secy. to the Grand Lodge of Can. since the death of T. B. Harris. A