

1851; and on the division of the counties removed to Chatham, Shiretown of Kent, and in 1853 was appointed sheriff, an office which he has held for nearly twenty-seven years, discharging its duties with great acceptance to the community.

Sheriff Mercer is truly, we may say intensely, loyal to the Crown of his native country, in politics calling himself a "Tory," and glorying in the name. In religious belief, he leans towards Unitarianism, but attends the Episcopal church.

After being in Canada half-a-dozen years, Sheriff Mercer returned to England, and on the 15th of June, 1839, at Norwood, near London, was joined in wedlock with Miss Bathia Sarah Morrison, a playmate of his early years. There are four children, all married and settled in life, two daughters and two sons. Bathia S., the eldest of all, is the wife of Rev. F. G. Elliott, pastor of the Episcopal church, Sandwich; Ellen Morrison is the wife of A. G. McWhinney, of the Post Office Department, Ontario; Robert is the governor of Kent county jail, and Harry is deputy sheriff of the same county, both residing at Chatham. Mrs. Mercer died March 17, 1879. She was an exemplary christian mother, a member of the Episcopal church, and her death was a great loss to the family.

Sheriff Mercer has long been a resident of Ontario; is well read in its history; and is a ready and interesting converser.

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THE subject of this sketch is a native of Dublin, Ireland, where he was born on the 6th of October, 1828, being the fourth son of the late William Hodgins, Esq., of that city, and formerly of the County Wicklow. His mother's maiden name was Frances Doyle, daughter of the late James Doyle, Esq., Newcastle, County Wicklow, Ireland.

Mr. Hodgins was educated in his native city, and at Bristol, England; and in 1848 emigrated to Canada, coming to Toronto, where he entered the public service as a clerk in the Educational Department. In 1852, he matriculated in the University of Toronto, where he gained the University Scholarship in Civil Polity and History; he also obtained first-class honors with the degree of B. A., 1856, receiving also the degrees of LL.B., in 1858, and M.A., in 1859. Having decided to adopt the legal profession, he entered the Law Society and was called to the Bar of Upper Canada, Hilary Term, 1858. He has since practised in the Common Law and Equity Courts, and is frequently engaged as Counsel in Parliamentary Election cases. In 1878 he was associated with Attorney-General Mowat as Counsel for the Province of Ontario in arguing the question of the Northern and Western boundaries of the Province of Ontario before the arbitrators appointed by the Dominion and Provincial Governments, viz: Sir Edward Thornton, Sir Francis