

led a great deal, chiefly on pleasure trips, having visited many portions of the United States, crossed the ocean three times and toured through the British Isles, Switzerland, Belgium and other parts of Europe, and on all occasions his keen observation has made his journeys of practical benefit. In religion, he is a Protestant, having been brought up a member of the Presbyterian Church. Besides the members of his family already mentioned, Mr. Bertram has a daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) Stirling, of Picton. Dr. T. A. Bertram, who is practising in Dundas, and married Miss Bertie Knowles, of New York, is another son. Henry is married to a daughter of the late Andrew Graham, of Dundas, and Alexander to a daughter of Hugh T. Smith, formerly of Toronto, but now of Australia. Personally, Mr. Bertram has a well-earned reputation as a generous, warm-hearted and honourable man, and is held in general esteem, as indeed are all the members of his family.

GEORGE ROACH,

Hamilton, Ont.

THE Province of Ontario has few men who have more worthily filled their allotted walk in life than the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch. In the city of Hamilton and the surrounding country he has for many years occupied a conspicuous position in various enterprises and progressive measures, giving promise of practical and beneficial results, and his honourable course of action, both in public and private life, has won for him the regard of all classes of the people. George Roach is an Englishman, having been born in the Isle of Wight, November 30th, 1818. His parents, James and Sarah (Robinson) Roach, both natives of the same place, had a family of eleven children—six boys and five girls—of whom George was the sixth. After receiving his primary education he was sent to Lymington school, one of the most noted in Hampshire, where he remained four years, when he was articled to the dry-goods trade at Salisbury, Wilts. Four years later he left England for New York, where he spent two years in a dry goods store, the late Hon. George Brown being one of his fellow-clerks. In 1843 he came to Canada and settled in Caledonia, Haldimand county, where he remained three years. In 1847 he took up his residence in Hamilton, where for four years more he was at the head of a well-conducted hotel, which he abandoned to take the management of the old Great Western Railway station restaurants at Hamilton, London and on the Union ferry between Windsor and Detroit. In this career he continued nineteen years, and having inherited a considerable sum from his

father's estate, he retired in 1872, since which time he has lived privately. In later years he has been connected with a number of financial and other institutions, in the counsels of which, owing to his integrity and business ability, he has occupied leading positions. He has been a director of the Bank of Hamilton continuously since 1875, for two years he has been vice-president of the Hamilton Street Railway Company, was president of the Anglo-Canadian Mortgage Company during its existence, and when this latter institution was sold out to the Omnium Security Company, he was for some time chairman of the latter. He was also, in 1888 and 1889, chairman of the commissioners of the Hamilton and Milton Road Company. In municipal affairs he was a representative man for a number of years. He was first elected alderman in 1858, and was again returned in 1859, at the end of which year he voluntarily retired. Fourteen years later he returned to the council and served during 1873 and 1874 as alderman, having been elected on both occasions by acclamation. In 1875 he was elected mayor, defeating Robert Chisholm by a majority of 423, and in the succeeding year he was re-elected by acclamation for the same position. At the end of this term he retired from active municipal life. In agricultural matters, it may be said, Mr. Roach was for years a noted breeder of swine, and brought into the country some of the finest Berkshires, Suffolks and Essex breeds ever imported into Canada. These were selected for him in England by his brothers John and T. R. Roach, who are well-known agriculturists and stock-breeders in the Isle of Wight. At the great Chicago Exhibition he exhibited four car-loads of his favourite breeds and carried off all the leading prizes. In Berks he was awarded the chief prize, although in this class he had no less than 1,200 competitors. In connection with his experience in Chicago, Mr. Roach speaks in the highest terms of the hospitality of the American people, which he avers could not be surpassed anywhere in the world. He took a prominent part, in company with Messrs. William Hendrie and the late Peter Grant, in the establishment of the Hamilton Central Fair Association, of which he was elected the first president in 1871, and in which he has been an active worker ever since. In recognition of his services he was, in 1874, presented by the directors with a testimonial, in the shape of an address and a magnificent set of silver plate. Mr. Roach was also one of the promoters of the Hamilton Horticultural Society, of which he was president in the years 1876 and 1877. He was always a liberal patron of legitimate field sports, and was for many years president of the Hamilton Cricket Club, one of the best in America. His connection