

ing so ; for besides the personal popularity that he enjoys through his sterling and unobtrusive personal qualities, his judgment and abilities are held in very high regard. Mr. McKeogh is an active member of the Masonic order, and has held various important offices in this body for years. He has travelled through part of the United States and all of Canada for pleasure ; though with his keen powers of observation he must have derived much practical benefit from such travel. In younger days he was a Wesleyan Methodist, but since marriage he has joined the Presbyterian church, of which body he is an active member. He married, in August, 1854, Mary Jane Dolsen, of Chatham, who is a descendant of the United Empire loyalists. John McKeough is a Liberal in politics.

Drennan, William Melville, Kingston, Ontario, was born on the 15th November, 1853, at Kingston. He is a son of the late S. T. Drennan, (for sketch of whose life see page 480 of this volume) who was born on the Moravian settlement, County of Tyrone, Ireland, on the 20th of November, 1819. S. T. Drennan left Ireland when a boy, and proceeded with his father to Scotland, where he was educated. Here he remained till 1841, when he emigrated to Kingston. He took, here, a clerkship in the dry goods store of R. Waddell & Co., Princess street ; but he tired of this sort of life after a few years, and secured the position of purser upon the passenger steamer *Comet*, afterwards the *Mayflower*, which was subsequently blown up. The "ways of men upon the deep" were not so fascinating as he had supposed that they would be, and he once more went ashore, and established a dry goods business with Mr. Kennedy. He afterwards engaged in the manufacture of furniture ; became alderman for St. Lawrence ward, and afterwards mayor of the city. In 1879 he retired from public life. He was a man of wide and generous public spirit, and always showed a deep interest in the city's welfare. He laid the corner-stone of the fire-engine house, turned the first sod on the Kingston and Pembroke Railway, and was one of the directors of the House of Industry. Whenever royalty visited Kingston, he was invariably chosen as master of ceremonies. He had five children, four daughters and one son, the latter being the subject of this sketch. S. T. Drennan died in 1882, beloved and respected by the people of Kingston. W. M. Drennan was educated at the Kingston College Institute, receiv-

ing instruction in all the English branches, also in Latin, French, Greek, &c. He became a lieutenant of the P. W. O. Rifles, in 1863, but withdrew and accepted the captaincy of K. F. B. He went through a short course in B. battery, R. S. G. Mr. Drennan has been a public school trustee for four years ; and also has been a city alderman for Cataragui ward. He was the first to introduce the electric light into Kingston. He became worshipful master, in 1884, of Minden Lodge, No. 253, A. F. and A. M. He is a member of the Oddfellows, Foresters, P. B. A., and P. Boys ; and is also a member of the Liberal-Conservative Association. His religious convictions are those of Presbyterianism. Mr. Drennan married on the 17th January, 1878, May E. Moore. We may state that our subject left home at the age of fifteen to learn the hardware business, with C. C. Snowden & Co., Montreal. After remaining there for three years, he went to New York, and entered the office of the Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Co., as salesman. He then went as traveller for Canada and New York State, for the Sweitzer Manufacturing Co., New York. After a time he left New York, and held a position as traveller for H. R. Ives & Co., of Montreal, till he was married. He then began the hardware business for himself, and continued in the same until the death of his father. After this event he sold out the hardware business and continued in the furniture trade, adding a manufacturing department and steam power. He also entered into the undertaking and embalming business on a large scale ; and has, at present, the best equipped undertaker's establishment in Canada.

Powell, Grant, Ottawa, Under-Secretary of State for Canada, was born in Toronto, in September, 1819. He attended school in that city, completing his education at Upper Canada College. He married in June, 1846, Elizabeth Mary, youngest daughter of S. P. Hurd, formerly surveyor-general of Upper Canada. In 1837 he joined the militia, and served as a lieutenant in the incorporated militia during the troubles in Upper Canada of 1837-38. He is now a major on the retired list. In May, 1839, Major Powell entered the office of the civil secretary of Upper Canada, and since that time has remained in the civil service. He was appointed, on the 25th January, 1883, to the position of Under-Secretary of State, the office having then become vacant by the appointment of Edouard J. Langevin to the clerkship of the Senate.