

Recording Steward of the same, and has been Superintendent of the Sunday school for seventeen or eighteen years.

The wife of Mr. Gibbs was Frances, second daughter of George Wells Colton, Esq., West Whitby, married December 23, 1845. They have four children living, and have lost three.

Oshawa is a solidly built brick town of nearly 5,000 inhabitants, indebted chiefly to the energy of a few public-spirited and sterling men for what it is to-day; and owes, among others, much of its growth and present *status* to the Gibbs Brothers, who, it is seen, are foremost men in almost every enterprise having a tendency to advance the material and moral interests of the town.

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HON. OLIVER MOWAT, Q.C., LL.D.,

TORONTO.

OLIVER MOWAT, member of the Ontario Legislature for North Oxford, and Premier and Attorney-General of the Province, was born in Kingston, Ont., July 22, 1820. His father was John Mowat, from Canisby, Caithness-shire, Scotland, a soldier in the British army during the campaign in Portugal and Spain, under Lord Wellington, coming to Canada in 1816, and settling at Kingston, where he died in 1860. His mother, before her marriage, was Miss Helen Levack, of Caithness-shire. Professor Mowat, of Queen's University, Kingston, is a brother of our subject, who was educated in that city, and commenced the study of the law there under Hon. (now Sir) John A. Macdonald. He was called to the Bar in November, 1841.

Mr. Mowat has been engaged in the practice of his profession from the date given, except during eight years, during which he was Vice-Chancellor, and he is now at the head of the firm of Mowat, Maclellan and Downey, of Toronto.

Mr. Mowat was created a Queen's Counsel in 1856; and is a bencher *ex-officio* of the Law Society of Ontario. He has been President of the Canadian Institute, Toronto; was a Commissioner for consolidating the Public General Statutes for Canada and Upper Canada respectively from 1855 to 1857; was a member of the Union Conference for the Confederation of the British Provinces, held at Quebec, in 1864; Provincial Secretary in the Brown-Dorion Administration in 1858; Postmaster-General in the Sandfield Macdonald-Dorion Administration from May, 1863, until March, 1864; held the same position in the Coalition Government from June, 1864, to November 14 of the same year, when he was appointed Vice-Chancellor of Upper Canada, an office which he resigned October 25, 1872, on being called upon to form a new Administration in the Government of Ontario. Six days afterwards he was sworn in as a member of the Executive Council and Attorney-General.

Mr. Mowat sat for South Ontario in the Canadian Assembly from 1857 until November,