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MCLEOD STEWART,
BARRISTER-AT-LAW, OTTAWA.

The subject of our sketch this month is one of the most prominent figures in the Dominion Capital. Descended both on his father's and on his mother's side from the Stewarts of Appin, for whose royal and loyal lineage we may refer our readers to page 68 of this issue. He was born in Ottawa on February 6th, 1867. Both his parents hailed directly from *Eilean a Cheo*, "the Isle of the mist," (Skye) the largest and most important of the Isles over which the Lords of Finlagan at one time held princely sway, and for the possession of which the Vikings of old fought many a bloody fray. His father, the late William Stewart, was for many years M. P. P. for Bytown, (now the City of Ottawa), and the County of Russell, and our subject's mother, a venerable and genuine type of the Highland lady, still presides at "Appin Place," Argyle Avenue, with all the grace of *an phior bhean-uasal choir*.

Educated at Ottawa Grammar School, and Toronto University, Mr. McLeod Stewart received his B. A. in 1867, and his M. A. four years later. He has all along taken a deep interest in municipal affairs, and was elected mayor of Ottawa in 1887. In 1885 and 1886 he was president of the Canada Atlantic railway, and he has been an active participator in nearly every movement that

took place in the City of Ottawa during the last twenty years.

He is a Life Director of, and solicitor to the Protestant Hospital; a director of the Home for the Aged, of which his wife was one of the first founders; an active member of the St. Andrew's society, and was for four years its president. In the wider field of Dominion citizenship Mr. McLeod Stewart has played, and is playing an even more important part. The first to develop Anthracite coal in Canada; he is now engaged in the promotion of the Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay canal, a scheme, the importance of which cannot be magnified, as will be readily seen from the facts stated elsewhere in our columns.

In religion he is a Presbyterian, and in politics a staunch Liberal-Conservative, but eminently tolerant and broad-minded in both; in other words, a true Canadian. That he is a typical representative of the famed clansmen described by the Ettrick Shepherd as of

—"Glencreran, Glen Duror, Ardsheal,
High offspring of heroes who conquered
were never,"

our readers can see by a reference to the portrait accompanying this sketch.

Mr. Stewart was married on December 22nd, 1874, to Linnie Emma Stewart, eldest daughter of Col. Walker Powell, late Adjutant-General of Militia and Defence, and they have a family of one son and three daughters to bless their union.

The motto of his family is—"Quhiddir Will, Zie," old Scots for "Whether will ye?" implying that opposition or no opposition, peace or war, they are ready. So be it.

—CONA.