

from the table of the government house. He has taken part in charitable work as well, and has done much to promote the welfare of the unfortunate. In this connection may be mentioned the fact that he has for years been a most worthy as well as prominent member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and borne the character of a most honourable and public-spirited citizen. In religion he follows his ancestors in a sincere and devout attachment to the Roman Catholic faith. Mr. Macdonald was married in 1863, to Miss Elizabeth Owen, daughter of Mr. Thomas Owen, formerly post-master-general of Prince Edward Island. His family consists of four sons. Of these, the eldest, Aeneas Adolphe, is a barrister and attorney of the supreme court of Prince Edward Island, and a member of the firm of Macneill & Macdonald of Charlottetown. The second son, Archibald Percy, is in business as a partner with his uncle, A. C. Macdonald, Esq., M. P. Reginald Hugh, the third son, is engaged in the People's Bank of Halifax; and the fourth son, Andrew Douglas, is now taking a business course at the Charlottetown Commercial College.

SAMUEL S. RYCKMAN, M. P.,
Hamilton, Ont.

SAMUEL SHOBAL RYCKMAN, M. P., of Hamilton, was born at Ryckman's Corners, Glanford township, Wentworth county, January 4th, 1849, his parents being George Marlatt Ryckman and his wife Perimela Fink. Mr. Ryckman is descended from good U. E. Loyalist stock, his grandparents having come to this country at the close of the revolutionary war and settled in Wentworth county, a few miles from where the city now stands. Years afterwards the grandfather was a surveyor in Hamilton, when it was but a village. His father was a man of prominence in military circles, and held a commission as major in the old Wentworth cavalry. In his early years the subject of our sketch attended the common school of his district, and was also for a time a pupil at the Hamilton central. At the age of twenty-two he embarked in the real estate business, a vocation which he has since followed more or less actively; and, although not always giving his whole attention to it, he has been most successful. In 1884 he went into the retail grocery business in Hamilton, from which he retired some two years ago, after having carried on a highly successful cash trade. Prior to going into the grocery business he visited the North-West a number of times, operating extensively and profitably in farm lands. Being always actively engaged in business, it was not until recently that Mr. Ryckman took an active

part in public affairs, but since doing so he has risen rapidly in popular favour. He was elected as alderman in No. 2 ward in 1890, and so satisfactory was his record that he was again returned by acclamation for 1891. In politics, Mr. Ryckman has always been a Liberal-Conservative and a firm supporter of the national policy. In February, 1891, when parliament was dissolved, he was chosen one of the candidates of his party for the representation of Hamilton in the House of Commons, and was returned by a majority of over 600, a strong tribute to his popularity and ability. Mr. Ryckman was a director of the Great Central Fair in 1890, and is a Free Mason of Acacia Lodge, No. 61. He is also a member of the A.O.U.W. In religion, he is a Protestant and a member of the Church of England, but with tolerant views towards other denominations. On the 14th of February, 1867, he married Sarah Thornton, daughter of the late Daniel Thornton, of Rochester, N.Y., and has had issue five children. Of these, three are living,—two daughters and one son,—the latter being a student at Bishop Ridley College, St. Catharines. In private life, Mr. Ryckman is distinguished by many lovable qualities. He is a genial, kind-hearted and liberal man, and has hosts of friends, by whom he is held in much esteem.

THOMAS LAWRY,
Hamilton, Ont.

THOMAS LAWRY, head of the well-known firm of Thomas Lawry & Son, pork-packers, is one of the representative business men of the city of Hamilton, who has by his own unaided exertions attained the honourable position he holds in the community in which he lives, as well as among those with whom he has had dealings in various parts of the country. Though not among the earliest manufacturers of his trade in Canada, he is one of the best-known, both for the extent and the success of his undertakings. By birth he is an Englishman, having been born in Cornwall, January 17, 1842, but his life associations have been entirely Canadian. In 1843, when but one year old, he came to this country with his parents—Henry James and Louisa Matilda (Tenney) Lawry. The family chose Hamilton as their home, where Mr. Lawry's father, well-remembered as a good and kindly man, established himself in the meat trade, which he carried on successfully for many years. He sent his son to the central school for a number of years, giving him the advantage of a good practical education. After leaving school, the subject of our sketch was employed for some time with his father, and then, at the age of twenty years, he started for