

to the study of palæontology and zoology, his speciality being recent and fossil invertebrata. A painstaking official, an ardent lover of science, this gentleman brings a zeal and a knowledge to the work in his charge, which science and the public will not readily forget.

**Dunnet, James Waters**, Mayor of Belleville, Ontario, was born at Thurso, Caithness, Scotland, on the 14th January, 1840. He was a son of James Dunnet, who married Jane Gilchrist Waters. The parents of our subject first came to Montreal, and there remained for the period of four years. At the expiration of that time they moved to Pakenham, a small village not far from Ottawa, and there abode. But James W. left Pakenham in 1864 and proceeded to Peterboro', where he commenced business. Here he remained until 1870, when he finally took up his abode in Belleville. He received his education, which comprised English, ancient and modern languages, mathematics, and the other higher branches, at the Academy of Kirkwall, Orkney Islands, whither he was sent from Canada, and where he swept all the first prizes in classics and mathematics. He came to this country in 1842; and he became a captain in the volunteer force, active militia, in 1862. He afterward became paymaster of the 57th battalion, Peterboro', and major of the 15th battalion A. L. I., Belleville. In 1881 he was prevailed upon by a large number of friends to offer for a seat at the civic board; and having accepted the invitation, he was elected, and was re-elected in 1882 and again in 1883. In 1884 he was elected mayor; and again re-elected in 1885. He is a strong advocate of temperance, and adopted the Scott Act as his platform when he ran for the mayoralty. At the time of the arrest of Mason and Slidell upon the high seas, Mr. Dunnet was a resident of Pakenham, and he there raised a company of volunteers. He has for many years been connected with the Orange and Oddfellows' societies, and in both of these organizations is a member in high standing. In religion he professes the Episcopal faith, and has served as church-warden for several years. He has been a superintendent of Sunday-schools likewise, and held that position in Peterboro' before moving to Belleville. His sympathies are altogether with the Low Church party. On Nov. 9th, 1864, he married Elizabeth Jane Gibson. Mr. Dunnet is now among the staunchest and most prominent dry goods merchants in Belleville, and his career, as referred to in the beginning of this

sketch, reveals his regard and popularity among his townsmen. It may be that higher public honours are in store for Mr. Dunnet.

**Watters, Rev. Bernard James**, Parish Priest of Goderich, was born in the City of Quebec on the 29th Sept., 1845. This able and pious priest was a son of John and Jane (McGauran) Watters, who came from the Province of Connaught, Ireland, the former from the town of Castlebar, and the latter from the town of Sligo. Mr. Watters took up his abode in Quebec upon his arrival, and afterwards conducted in that city a mercantile business. Young Bernard Watters began his educational studies at the High School in Quebec, in 1859, under the late Dr. Smith, the rector of that excellent institution. Here he remained for two years, following the general course; but he also took private lessons in classics, from Dr. Smith, for a period of three years. He likewise attended the French Seminary, where he completed a fine classical course, and acquired an intimate knowledge of the French language. In 1865 he entered Ste. Anne's College, below Quebec, and here joined the philosophical class, of which the Rev. Andre Pelletier was the able professor. In 1866, under the professorship of the Rev. Achille Valier, he began a course in chemistry, physics, astronomy, botany, etc. The year following he entered the ecclesiastical state, and received the tonsure at the hands of the late Right Reverend Charles Baillargeon, archbishop of Quebec. In 1868 he received minor orders at the hands of the same archbishop. He now commenced his theological studies, which were pursued under the pious Father Blanchet. In 1869, feeling a desire for mission life in Ontario, the young seminarian applied for and received his *exeat* from the archbishop, and set out for the diocese of London, into which he was adopted by its learned and distinguished bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Walsh. He here received the orders of sub-deacon and deacon, at the hands of that prelate, on the second week of October, 1869; and on the 28th October of the same year, he was ordained priest. After ordination, he remained a few months with the bishop, and in Jan., 1870, he was appointed assistant to the Very Rev. Dean Murphy, P. P., Dublin, Ont. He remained here fifteen months, when he was recalled by the bishop to his palace. Here he remained for nearly three years as assistant at St. Peter's, and for some time as secretary. In June, 1873, he was appointed by his lordship, rector of