

Mr. Deroche was elected to the Provincial Parliament of Ontario in 1871, and re-elected in 1875, serving eight consecutive sessions in that body. He moved the reply to the speech from the Throne in 1871.

In politics he is a Reformer, a stirring man and quite influential.

Mr. Deroche was a member of the Council of Public Instruction of Ontario from 1873 until the office was abolished, and his fine scholarship, excellent literary taste, and his progressive disposition made him a valuable member of that body.

He is a Free Mason, being a Royal Arch in that Order, and belongs to the Church of England. He is unbending in his christian principles and high purposes.

The wife of Mr. Deroche was Sarah Ann Christian Pile, a native of Barbadoes, and the daughter of Thomas G. Pile, many years a planter on that island, and now a resident of the village of Mill Point, County of Hastings, Ont. They were married on the 5th of December, 1872, and have three children, Eleanor Elizabeth, Sarah Ann Christian Pile, and Hammel Madden.

Mr. Deroche was re-elected for the riding of Addington, at the general election in 1879, for a further term of four years.

## WILLIAM D. ARDAGH,

### BARRIE.

WILLIAM DAVIS ARDAGH, mayor of Barrie, is a son of Stephen Ardagh, who is descended from a Welsh family that settled in Ireland about the time of Edward I. He was born in the county of Tipperary, March 21, 1828, but spent most of the first twenty years of his life in the county of Kilkenny. In 1848 he came to Barrie, and finished his education in the grammar school; studied law with John Strathy, of this town, and was called to the bar at Hilary term, 1855. Mr. Ardagh commenced practice in Toronto, in partnership with Hon. John Crawford, since Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Ontario, and Hon. J. H. Hagarty, now chief justice. Two or three years later when Mr. Hagarty went on the Bench, the firm was dissolved, and Mr. Ardagh returned to Barrie. For a time he was in partnership with Hon. James Patton, at one period a member of the Legislative Council of Canada; and at another time practised in company with his brother, John A. Ardagh, now junior judge of the judicial district of Simcoe. Latterly our subject has paid but little attention to the law, being engaged in private banking and brokerage business.

At one period he was joint editor and proprietor, with the late Chief Justice Harrison, of the *Canada Law Journal*, and was at one time publisher of the *Northern Advance*, a weekly newspaper printed at Barrie. He has a good deal of ability as a journalist.

Mr. Ardagh was deputy judge of the county of Simcoe for a few years; was reeve of Barrie