

horter and an earnest christian worker. He is also a strong temperance man, a leader in that cause in Newmarket, and untiring in his efforts to have the traffic in intoxicating liquors done away with.

December 15, 1836, Mr. Cook married Miss Ann Jackman, who was from Sussex, England, they have lost four children, and have five living, all of whom are settled in life.

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RICHARD MARTIN, Q.C.,

HAMILTON.

RICHARD MARTIN was born in 1824, near to, and partly educated in, the city of Dublin, Ireland, is eldest son of sheriff Martin, and eldest grandson of Col. Richard Martin, of Connemara, both of whom receive more detailed mention on page 92 of this volume. But for the barring of the entail by his grandfather and uncle—the late Thomas Barnwall Martin, who was at the time of his death, and for many years previous, member of the county of Galway in the British parliament—the subject of this sketch would now be the owner of the extensive estate of Connemara in Ireland, the inheritance from time immemorial of the Martins of Galway, in which event he would probably never have seen Canada, remaining instead simply an Irishman whose operations would be confined to a small island instead of being, as he now is, a Canadian with rather more than half a continent to operate in. As it was, however, when nearly ten years old he came with his father to Canada, settling near York, on the Grand river. After spending some few years there, he was sent to school in the winter of 1840 to the late Dr. Rae, of Hamilton. Later, he began the study of law with the late Samuel Black-Freeman, of the same place, and finished with Judge Sullivan, of Toronto; was called to the Bar in 1846; and immediately began practice in partnership with the late George S. Tiffany, in Hamilton, and soon became a prominent member of the Bar, a position he has ever since retained, first as junior partner of the legal firm of Tiffany and Martin, afterwards as senior partner of the law firm of R. and J. R. Martin, and of R. and E. Martin, and at present of Martin and Carscallen.

Shortly after being admitted to the Bar, Mr. Martin was appointed a crown prosecutor, being the first outsider to receive that honor, and at once entered upon his duties, unsuspecting of the ill-feeling created amongst the favored ones of the Toronto Bar, who had previously had a monopoly of all such government patronage, they rightly conjecturing that an outside appointment might prove a dangerous precedent, injurious to what they considered their rightful perquisites. Mr. Martin's circuit extended as far as Goderich, which was then considered to be in the wilderness, and almost wholly cut off from communication with the rest of the world. Upon his return, he found himself for awhile the best abused man in Canada, his name paraded in various newspapers, accompanied by all imaginable imputations of inexperience, incapa-