



A. J. MESSERVEY

ALDERMAN No. 3.—PALACE WARD

Alderman Alexander J. Messervey is of English and Irish extraction. He is a son of the late Mr. Jesse Messervey, of the old Trinity House, Quebec, and was born in 1862 in St. Margaret street, St. Roch's.

Educated at the late Professor W. Thom's well-known Mercantile Academy in St. Angele street, which trained so many of our business men, he early acquired the art of stenography, in which he soon became exceedingly proficient and, on leaving school, served during three years on the reportorial staff of the CHRONICLE. And while acting in that capacity, it fell to his lot to report for the public information many of the more important law-suits and pilotage cases which came before our law Courts and Harbor Board in those days. In 1878 he abandoned newspaper work to enter the important office of Dunn & Co., the larger timber merchants, in the Lower Town, where he has gradually risen from a subordinate position to the leading one of Manager of the house and confidential Representative of the firm, as well as trustee of the Dunn estate. In fact, few men in our midst have more fully and unreservedly enjoyed the confidence of their employers or so truly deserved it through energy and perseverance, faithfulness to duty and the strictest integrity than Mr. Messervey. In politics, a staunch and ardent Liberal, he always took a prominent and active part in fighting his party's battles, specially in Quebec West and Centre, and his services to the Liberal cause have been many and valuable. He represent successfully the late Hon. R. R. Dobell, also Hon. J. C. Kane, Mr. Power, M.P., J. G. Hearn, M.P., as agent in their political campaign.

Alderman Messervey has for many years been one of the most prominent and stirring figures in local political life, and in the City Council, as one of the representatives of Palace Ward, he may be depended upon to give an equally good account of himself for the benefit of his constituents and of the city at large.