

In all humane, benevolent and religious organizations, Mr. Cameron was active and efficient. He was a governor of the Carleton Protestant Hospital, vice-president for thirty years of the Upper Canada Bible Society, president of the Ottawa Reform Association, and he had been an active worker in the temperance reform movements, and an officer in various leagues and associations designed to promote that cause.

He was also a member of the Masonic Society.

In politics Mr. Cameron was an advanced Liberal. As such, he ably advocated the secularization of the clergy reserves, the abolition of imprisonment for debt, homestead exemption, the vote by ballot, municipal institutions, the canal system of the late Hon. Hamilton Merritt, and the construction of the Intercolonial and Pacific railways.

In 1855 Mr. Cameron was an honorary commissioner to the first Paris exhibition.

In his religious views and associations Mr. Cameron was a Presbyterian, and a liberal supporter of that church.

Mr. Cameron was married April, 29, 1833, to his cousin, Christina, daughter of Robert McGregor, cotton spinner, Glasgow, Scotland, by whom he had one child, a daughter, who yet survives him.

Mr. Cameron died on the first day of June, 1876, at Ottawa, at the time a member of the Canadian House of Commons.

Though honors came thick upon him, Mr. Cameron was not an office-seeker, and he was more ready to decline than to accept office. His modesty was so incompatible with political aspiration, and his generosity so characteristic, that he would seek a friend's advancement as readily as his own. He was of a social and companionable disposition, of pleasing and courteous manners, and fluent and vivacious in conversation. His benevolence was a trait of character, which is yet held in grateful remembrance by multitudes, for he was ever ready to lend a hand to the needy.

JAMES GILLESPIE,

PICTON.

JAMES GILLESPIE, second son of James and Jane (Montgomery) Gillespie was born in Kingston, Ontario, January 6, 1824. Both parents were from Belfast, Ireland. His father was a baker by trade, and often changed his residence, living at different places in this Province and in the State of New York, settling in Picton in 1831, where James obtained such mental discipline, as the local schools of that period furnished. He worked with his father until fifteen years old; then learned the trade of a cabinet maker, and followed that business for himself until 1860, when he became a grocer and baker.

In 1865 Mr. Gillespie rented his premises, and was in the morocco leather business for five