

don, then a very small place and sparsely settled, as his home, and commenced the practice of his profession. In 1883 he was joined by Mr. George R. Caldwell and established the law firm of Daly & Caldwell, which proved very successful from the beginning, and of which he is still the head. With his usual activity and public spirit, he plunged at once into politics and proved himself at all times one of the mainstays of the Conservative cause in the district he had chosen as his home, and the Province at large. When the first general election in the district for the local legislature was held, a few months after his arrival, Mr. Daly was the returning officer, as he was also for the first municipal election for the county of Brandon in the December following. When Brandon city was incorporated, he was elected its first mayor, thus emulating the triumphs of his grandfather and father in the district in which they were pioneers. He rendered such important services to the new community as its chief magistrate, that in 1884 he was triumphantly re-elected. When, largely through Mr. Daly's efforts, the first Liberal-Conservative Association was formed, he was chosen its first president, and has been a tower of strength to the party up to the present time. He is a Bencher of the Law Society of Manitoba, and was a member of the Protestant Board of Education for the province. Mr. Daly entered parliament in 1887, being elected by a majority of 179 over his Liberal opponent, Mr. John A. Christie. He was re-elected in the general election of 1891 after a fierce contest, in which his opponents confidently, yet mistakenly, predicted his downfall. Mr. Daly was appointed Q.C. in January, 1890, by the Dominion Government. In parliament Mr. Daly has taken a prominent place, being a good debater and a strong fighter. The government seems to look to him for defence upon matters relating to Manitoba and the North-West, and he is never slow to take up any challenge given by the opposition, and invariably comes off conqueror. He is from conviction a strong Conservative, yet he has the genial manners of one who does not let his politics interfere with his personal friendships. No man in the House is more popular than Daly, of Selkirk, and of no man is it more generally expected that in the years to come, as his experience ripens and his opportunities appear, his name will grow to fill a larger place in the history of the Canada that is to be. He is highly respected and esteemed by the citizens of Brandon. On the 4th day of June, in the year 1879, Mr. Daly was married to Margaret Annabella, the amiable and accomplished daughter of Mr. P. R. Jarvis, of Stratford.

## SAMSON H. GHENT,

*Hamilton, Ont.*

SAMSON HOWELL GHENT, Clerk of the County Court of Wentworth, Deputy Clerk of the Crown and Registrar of the Surrogate Court, is a well known and much esteemed citizen of Hamilton, in which city he has resided for nearly forty years. He was born near the village of Burlington, Sept. 9th, 1834, and both by birth and parentage is a thorough-going Canadian. His father was David Ghent, a prosperous farmer of Nelson township, and his mother, Mary Green Howell, daughter of the late Mr. Samson Howell, one of the pioneer settlers in the county of Halton. David Ghent was one of the sturdy yeomanry of his time, well-fitted by nature, disposition and training for the rough experience incidental to the life of an early settler. Like many other men of his day he took considerable interest in matters affecting the country at large, held a commission in the sedentary militia, was an old-time Reformer in politics, and a strong personal friend and admirer of Wm. Lyon Mackenzie. Indeed, to his faithfulness and devotion, the latter was, at a critical period in his history, indebted for his life. When the discomfited rebel leader was making his escape from the country, in the winter of 1837, he arrived at Mr. Ghent's farm hotly pursued by some of the "Men of Gore." Mr. Ghent secreted the fugitive in a pea-stack, and by conveying food to him by stealth, under the pretence of attending to the cattle around the stack, he kept him in sustenance until it was safe for him to continue his flight. The authorities had traced Mackenzie to the farm, but though they turned over a whole mow of hay, and searched every other conceivable hiding-place, fortunately for the hunted man, they ignored the pea-stack. Had he been captured at that time he would doubtless have been shot. The subject of this sketch, though but a child at the time, can remember the excitement caused by the red-coats during their stay around his father's premises. Mr. S. H. Ghent received his primary education at a country school, later on he studied at Regan's academy, Dundas, as well as under the tutorship of the Rev. Mr. Lorimer, at the period we refer to, librarian of Toronto University. At an early age he developed a decided talent for drawing and painting, and in order to encourage his taste in this direction, his father sent him in 1847 to the academies of design in New York and Philadelphia. For nearly two years he continued at these institutions, making good progress; but owing to the fact that there was then very little encouragement for the fine arts in Canada, he discontinued his studies and returned home. He next turned his attention