

D. J. HUGHES

Senior Judge, County of Elgin (Retired)

Born at Kingsbridge, South Devon, England, May 7th, 1820. His father was a dissenting minister and emigrated to Canada in 1832, settling at Montreal, where he died shortly afterwards. The fatherless boy was adopted by Mr. Gideon Ackland, a lawyer, who lived in Perth, but owing to a change in Mr. Ackland's circumstances, Mr. Hughes then entered the employ of the Hon. Malcolm Cameron in the publication of the *Bathurst Courier*.

In 1835 he removed to the London district where he was adopted by his brother-in-law, the late Hon. John Wilson, the leading lawyer of the western circuit. Here he received his education in the London grammar schools and afterwards as a student in Mr. Wilson's law office.

Mr. Hughes was called to the Bar in Michaelmas term in 1842; settled at Woodstock and practiced his profession there until 1847, when he entered partnership with the Hon. John Wilson, remaining in London until October, 1853.

He was appointed Judge of Elgin County upon its separation from Middlesex in the year 1853 and was retired by Act of Parliament on account of age in 1903.

Judge Hughes ranks as probably the oldest distinguished resident of St. Thomas.

He was present at the laying of the corner stone of the St. Thomas court house in 1852 and held the first court of the new county in the old town hall, and the first court in the new court house in 1854.

He is a protestant to the backbone and in politics a Bald-win Reformer.

Residence: 114 Metcalfe street.

CHARLES WESLEY COLTER

Senior Judge, County of Elgin

Judge Colter was born in York County, N.B., in 1846. He was educated in the public schools, Sackville Academy and the University of New Brunswick, in Fredericton. He graduated from the University at the age of nineteen, winning scholarships in English and the Classics.

For several years he taught in high schools in New Brunswick, also at Cayuga and Dunnville. In 1874 he was sent by the Dominion Government to England in the Immigration Service. After several years spent in this service, both in Canada and abroad, he took up journalism and published the *Monck Reform Press*.

In 1876 he undertook the study of law; was admitted to the bar three years later and began practice in Cayuga, where he made his home until his appointment as Senior County Judge of Elgin.

Judge Colter became prominent in Liberal politics and several times contested for his party the seat for Haldimand County in the House of Commons. He was elected member for Haldimand in 1886 and 1889. In 1892 Judge Colter was appointed Crown Attorney of Haldimand County and held that position until 1903 when he received his appointment as County Judge of Haldimand to succeed the late Judge MacMillan. Transferred to Elgin and made Senior Judge in 1904, succeeding Judge Hughes.

Judge Colter has held numerous positions prior to his appointment to the bench. He has been County Clerk and County Solicitor and in the forty years of the existence of the Cayuga High School Board, it has known but two chairmen, Judge Stevenson and Judge Colter.

CHARLES OAKES ERMATINGER

Junior Judge, County of Elgin

Born, St. Thomas, February 5th, 1851; son of Edward Ermatinger, M.P., and Aschab, daughter of Hon. Zachary Burnham, of Cobourg, Ont. Educated St. Thomas and Galt public schools and Osgoode Hall. Called to the Bar, 1873; appointed Q. C., 1885; Judge, 1889; Member Provincial Assembly for East Elgin, 1882-86. Publications: *Canadian Franchise and Election Law*, 1886; *The Talbot Regime of the first half century of the Talbot Settlement*, 1904.

Member Elgin Golf, Century and St. Thomas Clubs.

Married Miss Charlotte, daughter of Hon. Hugh Richardson, of Ottawa. One son, Captain Percy, of St. Thomas, and one daughter, B. Muriel Moorhead, wife of U. S. Consul in Rangoon, Burmah.

Residence: Bella Vista, 48 Stanley street.

SAMUEL PRICE

Barister; Chairman Ontario Workmen's Compensation Board

Born, 1863, brought up on farm in Caradoc, Middlesex County. Attended Strathroy and St. Thomas High Schools. Taught school five years. Entered study of law in St. Thomas in 1890. Called to bar in 1895, with honors and gold medal; obtained B.C.L., Trinity, with gold medal, same year.

Practiced law in St. Thomas alone and with Mr. (now Hon.) T. W. Crothers. Prominent as a hard fighter in the Conservative interests in parliamentary elections.

Performed with general satisfaction duties of Mining Commissioner for Ontario, 1906 to 1912. Acted as government Commissioner in various matters, including Mining Disputes, Timber Frauds, Eight-Hour Law for Miners and Vancouver Island Mining Troubles. Author of much mining legislation and of Mining Tax Act and Ontario Eight-Hour Law for Miners. On recommendation of the late Chief Commissioner Mabey, was employed to consolidate and revise Dominion Railway Act; recommended by Chief Commissioner Mabey also for appointment as a member of Dominion Railway board. Refused acceptance of chairmanship of Ontario Railway and Municipal Board. Appointed Chairman of Workmen's Compensation Board of Ontario in 1914.

Member of K. of P.; C.O.C.F.; C.O.F.; A. F. & A. M.; Elgin Golf and Country Club; St. Thomas Club. Anglican unmarried.

HON. T. W. CROTHERS

Minister of Labor, Canada

Born at Northport, January, 1850; received his early education in the public schools and Albert College, Belleville, being a classmate of Premier Roblin of Manitoba; was headmaster of Wardville Collegiate for a few years and then took up the study of law. While still a student he was an unsuccessful candidate for the Ontario legislature for West Elgin in 1879. First came to St. Thomas as a speaker in the interests of the late Thomas Arkell in 1878 and ever since that date has been prominently before the people as a speaker in Conservative interests.

Mr. Crothers was the successful candidate in West Elgin in 1908 and again in 1911 when the Borden government came into power; accepted the portfolio of minister of labor on the formation of the Borden cabinet. Has served for years as member of St. Thomas board of education and is a member of the board of control of Toronto University.

HON. F. G. MACDIARMID

Minister of Public Works

Born, New Glasgow, Aldborough township, Elgin county, October 11th, 1869, son of Finlay and Margaret (Munro) Macdiarmid. Educated in the public school and Ridgeway Collegiate Institute. Served as a member of the Township Council of Aldborough for four years; entered the field of Provincial politics in 1898; at present a member of the Executive Council of Ontario, holding the portfolio of Public Works.

Member the Presbyterian Church, A. F. & A. M., and K. of P.

Married, December 25th, 1895, Miss Minnie McGugan. There is one son.

Residence: Rodney.

MARSHALL BREWSTER JOHNSON

Mayor; Coal Merchant

Born, March 26th, 1855, St. Catharines, Ont., son of William H. and Sarah (Fox) Johnson. Educated in St. Catharines and Dunnville. Worked on the farm until he was there are four children in the family: A. W., the junior member, twenty-one years of age. Entered the service of the old Great Western Railway as telegraph operator, 1876-1888; train agent and express messenger, Canada Southern and Michigan Central Railway Co.'s, 1888-1911; coal and wood business, St. Thomas, 1911-1914. Served as member of the city council, 1908-1914. Elected mayor of St. Thomas, January, 1914.

Member Knox Presbyterian church.

Married, February 14th, 1878, Miss Annie Agnes McNabb. There are four children in the family: A. W., the junior member of the firm; Mrs. H. E. McDonald, Jackson, Mich.; Miss Lulu Johnson, kindergarten teacher, and Fred. M. Johnson, medical student, Toronto University.

Residence: 48 Gladstone avenue.