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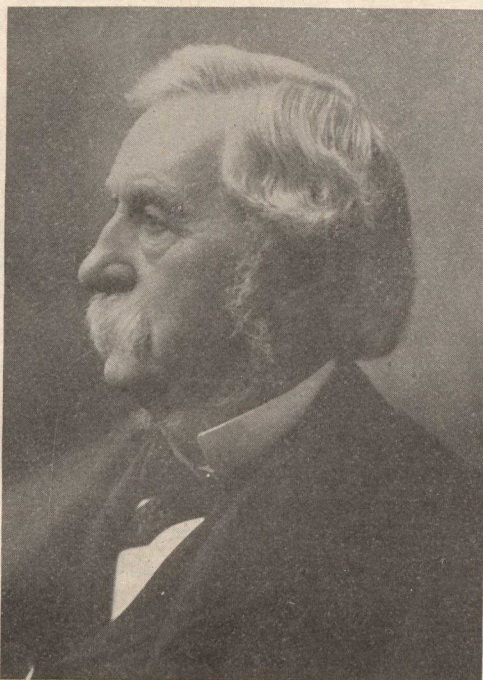
A Master of Waterways

UPPER Canada College has many sons in various parts of the earth; but the oldest as well as one of the most remarkable of them all is Mr. Thomas C. Keefer, who lives in Ottawa. Mr. Keefer was born at Thorold in 1821, which is eighty-seven years ago. He is one of the men who has made a deep study of deep waterways and railways in Canada; in fact, he began to write about such things before any of the present generation of railway men were known to the world at all. He was born near enough to the place where the Welland Canal is now to notice that some day a deep waterway would be a necessity in that part of the great lake system. He was a youth of seventeen when he got a job helping to dig the Welland, also the Erie; at which two ditches he put in seven years. After that he went to Ottawa and installed a system of waterworks which he operated for that city; about which time he won the Lord Elgin prize for the best essay on "The Influence of the Canals of Canada on Agriculture" — when Sir Robert Perks was a lad in knee breeches. In following years he was engaged upon surveys for the navigation of St. Lawrence rapids. He reported for the Canadian Government on trade with the United States; and the report bore fruit in the Reciprocity Treaty. He was one of the pioneers in Canadian railway building; making surveys for the Grand Trunk and for the railway bridge across the St. Lawrence at Montreal. A couple of years later he became engineer to Montreal Harbour; most of this before the middle of last century when the first railways were beginning. Long afterwards, but still only a couple of years after Confederation, he wrote a series of letters on the need for a transcontinental railway. He had his eye on the Saskatchewan, which he saw to be as necessary for a cross-continent system of transportation as the St. Lawrence and the Welland. Along in the eighties he became successively president of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers and of the American body of the same. In 1905 he acted as International Commissioner for deeper waterways between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic. He is a past president of the Royal Society of Canada, which is one of the most learned bodies in America.

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A Rising Nova Scotian

MR. EDGAR NELSON RHODES is one of the new Conservative members of the House of Commons—one of the band of hopefuls. He is new blood from Nova Scotia; from Cumberland, famous as the stamping-ground of Sir Charles Tupper and afterwards of big Hance Logan. Mr. Rhodes defeated Mr. Logan before the battle began. The Cumberland Liberal refused to enter the lists. Mr. Rhodes redeemed the old Conservative riding. He is a young man; born at Amherst, which the firm of Rhodes, Curry & Co. has helped to make famous as a manufacturing centre; educated at Acadia and Dalhousie universities. He is a B.A. and an LL.B. A lawyer by profession, he has become interested in practical business concerns sufficiently to become a director of the Canadian Rolling Stock Company and of the Atlantic Auto Company, Limited. He has not been a House of Commons drone. On the Public Accounts Committee he has been particularly energetic, and has done a great deal to shed light upon the methods of purchasing in vogue on the



Mr. Thomas C. Keefer, C.M.G.,
A Famous Engineer.

consul at Foochow, China, whilst in 1906 he became secretary of the home foreign office in Tokio.

Japan, in recognition of his diplomatic services, has bestowed upon him the fifth order of the Rising Sun and Russia has decorated him with the second order of St. Anna in consequence of work done in revising the Russo-Japanese commercial treaty that followed the Portsmouth Peace Conference. His experience and personality leads to the conviction that he is a suitable person to conduct the rather difficult negotiations that are likely to be entered into between the Canadian and Japanese governments.

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The Democrat of Spencerwood

SIR ALPHONSE PELLETIER, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, is a "democrat." Apparently the gubernatorial function in that province is no longer to be distinguished by delectable exclusiveness. Spencerwood is a resort; not a holy of holies. Sir Alphonse just about keeps open house. He has innovated Spencerwood. Business men are invited to dine with the Governor. This is against all precedent. It is almost as dangerously cosmopolitan as the action of ex-President Roosevelt in asking Booker T. Washington to the White House. Sir Alphonse has a title which he wears with as much distinction as any of his predecessors. He knows how to carry a uniform and insignia of office with gracious urbanity. White gloves to him are as native as a sceptre to a monarch. But Spencerwood has been thrown open to the "public"—at least to that section of it represented by the business man. No one can accuse Sir Alphonse of using his hospitality in order to stand solid with the people. He has nothing to do with the electorate. He is Governor. But he is a most charming host. The functions at Spencerwood though less exclusive than

formerly are more useful. The man who pays the taxes has a chance to see what it looks like to be a Governor.

The Hon. Doctor P. Pelletier, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, is a nephew and is following in the footsteps of his distinguished uncle. He and Mrs. Pelletier have maintained the reputation of the Speaker's Chambers by extremely popular dinners and salon entertainments.



Hon. Takashi Nakamura,
Japanese Consul-General to Canada.



Mr. Edgar N. Rhodes, M.P.
For Cumberland, N.S.



Hon. Dr. P. Pelletier,
Speaker Quebec Legislative Assembly.