

tics, and in religion a Roman catholic. He married, in 1855, Jane, daughter of James Copeland, of Richmond. Mr. Murray is a very capable business man, and has achieved much success, having now several branch stores in the Ottawa district. He has push and enterprise, and his manners have secured to him the widest share of popular esteem. He owns a great many of the buildings and town lots in Pembroke, situate in what is known as the Murray ward, and he is also a large property-holder in the rising village of North Bay, on the north shore of Lake Nipissing, where a year ago was nothing but bush. Now, however, owing largely to Mr. Murray's enterprise, it is a promising village with a population of over 700 inhabitants, and a hotel erected by the Messrs. Murray at a cost of over \$10,000. Mr. Murray exhibits the same energy in the legislative sphere that he shows in his own business concerns, and this quality, together with his excellent judgment and his familiarity with public affairs, give him much influence in the legislature.

Branscombe, Henry William, Picton, Ontario, was born at Hallowell, County of Prince Edward, in 1837. His father, Arthur Branscombe, was the grandson of a British officer, who served in the war of the American revolution, and after the treaty of 1783, removed to Grand Lake, Queen's County, New Brunswick, at which place a large number of the same name still reside. Early in the present century, the grandfather and father of Mr. Branscombe, removed to Hallowell, Upper Canada, and settled near what is now the village of Bloomfield. Arthur Branscombe married Catharine Burlingham, daughter of a U. E. loyalist, who came from Dutchess County, N. Y., at the close of the war. The Burlingham's were amongst the most successful of the old settlers of Prince Edward county, and constitute to-day one of the most extensive and respectable families in that county. Henry W. Branscombe was educated in his native township, and at an early age commenced the study and practice of dentistry, in which profession he has risen to the foremost rank. In 1862 he left his native town for New York city, where he practised his profession with marked success for five years. He then returned to Picton, and after a sojourn of a few years, removed to Chicago, where he remained till 1879, when he returned to Canada and permanently settled at Picton. His careful, steady and industrious pursuit of knowledge, together

with the deep interest he has always taken in dentistry, secured for him an honourable recognition by his professional brethren, in his election to the position of secretary to the Dental Association for Ontario. After his removal to Picton he combined the business of chemist and druggist with that of dentistry, and has for several years successfully conducted both branches. In all local enterprises Mr. Branscombe has been found to give a helping hand. For five consecutive years he has occupied a seat at the council board, where he has made his influence felt to a marked degree. He has for years been a director of the County Agricultural Society, and is also treasurer of the Bay of Quinté Fire Insurance Company. He is an active member of the Methodist church, an enthusiastic Freemason, and a determined and energetic worker for the cause of temperance. He married in 1866, Sara E., daughter of the late Rev. Cyrus Allison, whose name is familiar amongst the temperance workers, who under the appellation of the Womans' Christian Temperance Union have done so much of late years to arouse public opinion upon this important question.

Nelson, H. A., Montreal, (deceased) was born in Keene, New Hampshire, on October 20, 1816, and removed to Montreal when twenty-four years of age, in the year 1840, entering into business with the late Isaac Butters, under the name of Nelson & Butters. The firm so existed until 1861, when Mr. Butters retired on account of ill-health, and O. S. Wood took his place, until he retired from a similar cause in 1874. Mr. Nelson then took into partnership his four sons, and the firm name was changed to that of H. A. Nelson & Sons, which at present it bears. In the year 1878, Mr. Nelson was elected to represent Montreal Centre in the Quebec legislature, as a supporter of M. Joly, and represented the constituency for three years, when he retired. But it was as an alderman that Mr. Nelson was best known. Occupying a seat in the municipal council for the long period of fourteen years, and for the latter portion holding the important post of chairman of the Finance committee, a position for which he proved himself singularly well fitted, his name will be associated with what was best calculated to secure a judicious regulation and expenditure of the civic funds, and to promote the best interests of the city generally. In the commercial community Mr. Nelson was equally well known and esteemed. In addition to building up a large and prosperous