

1846 he came to Canada, and spent several years at London, learning the mercantile business with an uncle, John Michie, who was for years a leading man there among the merchants, and in the Free Church of Scotland.

In 1850 our subject came to Fergus, commenced business for himself as a general trader, and has continued to thus operate for nearly thirty years, he being the only man that was in trade here at that date. He has kept steadily along, contented to do a moderate and safe business. Before the advent of a railroad, he was accustomed to buy pork in bulk and hauling it, by teams, to Guelph; but the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway brought a market to the door of Fergus; some time ago, and as we write, the Credit Valley Railway is knocking at the doors of this village.

Mr. Michie is quite public-spirited, and has a hand in local enterprises generally; was a member of the village council a number of years; has also been on the school board, and was reeve one term. He holds a lieutenant's commission from Lord Dufferin, in the local militia; has been secretary-treasurer of St. Andrew's Society, of Fergus, a long time, and holds the same offices in the Free (or Presbyterian) Church. He is a man of solid business qualities, and gives character to the community in which he resides.

Mr. Michie heartily supports the reform party, to which he has always belonged, and is one of those men who can give a reason for their political as well as religious belief.

June 3, 1869, Miss Annie Argo, daughter of Adam L. Argo, a prominent citizen of Fergus, was joined in wedlock with Mr. Michie, and he has three children living, and lost one daughter, also his wife, in May, 1878. She was a noble christian mother, and her loss was felt outside the family.

WILLIAM J. PARKHILL, M.P.P.,

MULMUR.

WILLIAM JAMES PARKHILL, the member of the Provincial Parliament for South Simcoe, is a son of Matthew and Margaret Parkhill, dating his birth in the county of Tyrone, Ireland, November 27, 1839. His mother is still living in the old country; his father died between thirty and forty years ago. His mental drill in youth was limited to a common school; he was employed at farming until sixteen years old; in 1855, came to Canada; worked two years in a saw mill at Pine Grove, township of Vaughan, county of York; then removed to the township of King, in the same county, and continued to manufacture lumber, that being still his business. He removed to the township of Mulmur, county of Simcoe (now in the new county of Dufferin) in 1873.

While in King, Mr. Parkhill worked for the firm of William and Robert Henry, of Toronto,