

the dry goods trade in Western Ontario. Although almost a devotee to business, Mr. Birrell gives a good deal of time to municipal affairs. Some years ago, when urged by many of his fellow-citizens to join them in an attempt to put to rights many grievances which afflicted the body politic in the city council, he readily gave his consent, and was elected as alderman for Ward No. 1, and has been elected by the same ward several times since. In the city council he has served as chairman on various important committees; and this year (1885) he is water commissioner, having declined the proffered honour of the mayoralty. Mr. Birrell was married, in 1868, to Alice Perry, of Utica, in the State of New York, and has two children, a daughter and son. He is a Mason, and has attained the 33 degrees; he is president of the Masonic Temple Company in London, and is likewise president of the North American St. George Union. In every respect, taking thrift, ability, push and integrity into account, he may be regarded as an honoured citizen and a representative Canadian.

Casgrain, Charles Eugene, C.M., M.D., Windsor, Ont., was born at Quebec, on the 3rd August, 1825. He is a son of the Honourable Charles E. Casgrain and of Eliza Ann Baby. The former was a member of the Legislative Assembly before the union, and a member of the special council created after the rebellion. He was made a lieutenant-colonel, unattached, in 1839 for his loyalty during the rebellion, and assistance given by him to the troops during their passage from Fredericton to Quebec. Dr. Casgrain is a brother of the Abbé H. R. Casgrain, a French-Canadian writer of great repute, and of P. B. Casgrain, M.P., for Plaislet. By his mother he is descended from a family whose members were among the first to emigrate to Detroit in the beginning of the eighteenth century. The Hon. James Baby, maternal grandfather, who was speaker of the Legislative Council of Canada, is still well remembered in Toronto. Charles Eugene Casgrain received a complete classical education at the College of St. Anne's, Quebec, and his medical education at McGill College, Montreal, where he graduated in 1851 as master of surgery and doctor of medicine. He was a student of the late Doctor Wolfred Nelson of Montreal. He began practising his profession in Detroit, Mich., in 1851, but removed to Sandwich in 1856, at the earnest request of prominent citizens of that place. He was then appointed coroner for the County of

Essex and jail surgeon; and both appointments are still held by him. When the Essex battalion was formed in 1860, he was gazetted captain of the Sandwich company; and he was afterwards surgeon to the troops stationed in Windsor and Sandwich during the Fenian raids in 1861 to 1864. Dr. Casgrain was elected a municipal councillor, by acclamation, for the town of Windsor in 1874, and served two terms. He has been a member of the Board of School Trustees for the last eighteen years. He became first president of the St. John the Baptist Society of Essex at its inception in 1864, and is still an active member of the same. He was re-elected general president of all the French-Canadian societies of Essex in 1883, and as such presided at the great French-Canadian convention held in Windsor on the 24th June of the same year. He is a strong Liberal-Conservative and supporter of Sir John A. Macdonald; and is chairman of the Liberal-Conservative Association of North Essex. He is a devoted Roman Catholic; and in 1884, in consideration of services rendered to the church, was created by His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII., a knight of the order of the Holy Sepulchre. He married in 1851, Charlotte Mary, daughter of Thomas Chase and Catherine Adelaide Caroline Bailly de Messein, of Detroit, Michigan, formerly of Quebec. His eldest son, Thomas Chase Casgrain, is professor of criminal law at Laval University, Quebec, and was one of the council for the Crown in the Queen vs. Louis Riel and other rebel leaders at Regina, in July and August, 1885. Dr. Casgrain practices medicine in Windsor, Ontario, with another of his sons, Henry Raymond Casgrain, M.D., who was surgeon-major in charge of Field Hospital No. 2, at Moose-Jaw, during the late rebellion. He has always enjoyed to the fullest extent the confidence of his fellow-citizens of all denominations. He was on several occasions urged to offer himself for parliamentary honours, but declined, owing to his extensive professional engagements.

Jackson, Rev. Samuel N., M.D., Congregational minister, Kingston, Ontario, was born in 1838, in the township of Brome, Lower Canada, where his grandfather, the Rev. John Jackson, M.A., settled in 1815. His father, H. N. Jackson, J.P., was a farmer, and proposed bringing up his three sons in the same pursuit, but as they reached the estate of manhood, they chose professions, and the oldest, Joseph A., is now a leading medical practitioner in Manchester, N.H., while the youngest, J.

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