

CAPTAIN ROCHFORD MONCREIFF MELVILLE, R.N.R., J.P.

Captain Rochfort Moncreiff Melville, whose efficient official service is evidence of his progressive and patriotic citizenship, was born in Dublin, Ireland, June 4, 1852, his parents being James and Annie Gordon (Bell) Melville, natives of Scotland and of Dublin, Ireland, respectively. The father was manager of the Provincial Bank of Ireland at Dublin and other points, being connected with that institution for more than a half century. He died in 1904.

Spending his boyhood days in Dublin, Captain Melville of this review was a student in Cork College and in Middleton College, also of county Cork. Leaving the schoolroom at the age of sixteen, he spent a short period in the Provincial Bank at Dublin and afterward entered the marine service as midshipman. He won successive consecutive promotions until he became officer in command, serving as such from 1870 until 1882. During this time he visited the ports of India, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South America and the South Sea Islands and principal countries of the world, gaining a knowledge of the various countries and their peoples which only travel can bring.

In the winter of 1882 he arrived in Canada, his first employment being with pick and shovel on the construction work of the Canadian Pacific Railway. After three months he came to Toronto and for two years was in the employ of Blake, Lash & Cassels, barristers and solicitors. From 1884 until 1888 he was engaged in the real estate business, after which he accepted a steamship agency, representing three or four local and Atlantic steamship lines. His business has constantly increased, however, until he is now the representative in Toronto of the principal steamship lines operating from New York, from Pacific ports, from London and the Orient. In this connection he has secured an extensive clientage and his previous experience in the marine service has been of much assistance to him in working up a business which has now reached large proportions and is a gratifying source of profit.

In 1883 Captain Melville was married to Elizabeth E. Bradshaw, a daughter of George Bradshaw of Temple View House, county Tipperary,