

Our subject was in the county council of Renfrew from 1870 to 1875 ; was an unsuccessful candidate for a seat in Parliament, for the riding of North Renfrew, in 1872, and in November 1873 ; sat for his present seat from the general election, in 1874, until the 14th of September that year, when he was unseated on petition ; was returned once more on the 21st of January, 1876, on the sitting member being unseated, and again in September, 1878.

He is a Liberal Conservative, and a steady and firm supporter of the Macdonald Administration. In religion he is an adherent of the Free Presbyterian church.

The wife of Mr. White was Miss Janet Thompson, of Ottawa, they being united in marriage in December, 1877, and have two children.

HON. THOMAS MOSS,

TORONTO.

HON. THOMAS MOSS, Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal of Ontario, is the eldest son of the late John Moss, Esq., of Toronto, and was born in Cobourg, this Province, Aug. 20, 1836. He was educated at the Toronto academy, Upper Canada college, and at the Toronto university ; at the latter institution he was gold medalist in classics, mathematics and modern languages, and graduated M.A. in 1859. In 1860, on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales, he was presented to His Royal Highness as the most distinguished alumnus of the university. Studied law with Hector Cameron, Q.C., and Hon. Adam Crooks (now Minister of Education), and was called to the Bar in Michaelmas term, 1861 ; elected a Bencher of the Law Society in 1871, and was afterwards its examiner in equity law ; created a Queen's Counsel in 1872 ; for several years he practised in partnership with the late Hon. Chief Justice Harrison the present Justice Osler, Mr. Chas. Moss and others, the firm being known by the name of Harrison, Osler and Moss. Perhaps the best compliment that can be paid to the legal ability of the firm is to simply mention that the three principal members were all elevated to the Bench ; was a member of the Law Reform commission, appointed by the Ontario government, in January, 1872, to enquire into the expediency of amalgamating the courts of common law and chancery. In 1872, Mr. Moss declined the vice-chancellorship of the Court of Chancery. Sat for West Toronto in the House of Commons from December, 1873, up to October 8, 1875, when he accepted the appointment of Justice of the Court of Error and Appeal ; November, 1877, he was promoted to his present position to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Hon. W. H. Draper, elsewhere mentioned in this volume. In 1874, Judge Moss was elected vice-chancellor of the university of Toronto, of which institution he had been registrar for some years previously.