

Eastman, one of the earliest Presbyterian preachers in Ontario, who came to Canada from New Jersey in 1801, and preached as a missionary all along between the Niagara river and London. Mrs. Middleton's mother is a sister of T. C. Keefer, of Ottawa, one of the most notable of Canadian engineers. In private life, Mr. Middleton is highly esteemed, and he has many warm friends.

ALLAN GILMOUR, SR.,

Ottawa, Ont.

ALLAN GILMOUR, SR., was born on the 23rd of August, 1816, in the parish of Shotts, Lanarkshire, Scotland. His father was a farmer, and the family consisted of five children, Allan being an only son. Of the sisters one is dead, and the others still live near the place where they were born. The father died at the ripe age of ninety-three, and the mother in her sixty-fifth year. Allan received a common country school education, taking one year at Glasgow, with which to conclude his course. Allan Gilmour had an uncle named Allan Gilmour, after whom our subject was named, and it is meet that we should have something to say about his career. This uncle was brought up to the trade of a house carpenter, but the occupation did not fit itself to his taste or his ambition, and he formed a partnership with two young men of his neighbourhood, John and Arthur Pollok, by name. These possessed some capital, and together they commenced business as lumber merchants, in Glasgow, under the firm name of Pollok, Gilmour & Co. They soon added to their lumber operations the shipping business connected with that trade, establishing branches of their house in Quebec, Montreal, Miramichi and other points. They built many ships at Quebec, and gradually added to their fleet till they became one of the largest sailing-ship owners in the world. The Miramichi business was commenced about 1820, under the conjoint management of James Gilmour (an uncle also of our subject, and a brother to Mr. Gilmour of the Glasgow house), and Alexander Rankin, the firm being known as Gilmour, Rankin & Co. Both of these gentlemen have been long since dead. The Quebec business was commenced in 1828, and was known as that of Allan Gilmour & Co., under the management of Allan Gilmour, nephew of Mr. Gilmour of the Glasgow firm, and cousin of the subject of this sketch. In 1830, the manager was joined by his two brothers, John and David, as assistants; and these two gentlemen afterwards, in 1840, became partners in the business when their elder brother, Allan, left to take the place of his and our subject's uncle in the Glasgow firm. This uncle retired

in order to become a landed proprietor in Renfrewshire. He died not long afterwards, leaving his estate of Eaglesham to a nephew of the same name, he having elected, like the subject of this sketch, to live a bachelor's life. The Montreal firm, we may say, was established at the same time as that of Quebec, under the management of Wm. Ritchie, a nephew of Mr. Gilmour of the Glasgow firm. This house was known as Wm. Ritchie & Co., and it carried on for many years a wholesale dry goods and grocery business, besides supplying parties engaged in the manufacture of square timber on the Ottawa river and its tributaries. To this firm was Allan Gilmour, the subject of this memoir, sent out with his cousin James, in 1832, the first year of the dread cholera period. The two young men entered the house as clerks, and remained in such capacity with it till 1840, when Mr. Ritchie retired from the business, and they assumed the management, the firm changing its name to that of Gilmour & Co. An agency was then established at Bytown (the present city of Ottawa), that place being the centre of lumber operations in the Ottawa region, the object being to procure timber and sawn lumber from that region for the Quebec market. The particular duty of Allan Gilmour was to personally superintend the operations, and to this end he paid occasional visits from Montreal to Bytown, and to the forests where the business was being carried on. In 1853 he took up a permanent residence in Bytown, the Montreal business having subsequently been reduced to the position of an agency, upon the retirement of James Gilmour, and so continued for a number of years, when it was closed. Besides the square-timber business carried on by the firm at Ottawa, there were the large saw mill establishments of the Gatineau water-mills, and the Trenton steam mills; and both of these are still operated by the sons of the late John Gilmour of the Quebec firm. The firm of Gilmour & Co., under the management of Allan Gilmour, also established and worked for a number of years saw mills on the North Nation and Blanche rivers, tributaries of the Ottawa, retiring altogether from the business at the close of 1873. For a long period, it may be stated, that the lumber trade of Canada was so troublesome, fluctuating and unprofitable, and made such constant demands upon the attention of the subject of our memoir, that for a long period of years he was not permitted to be absent upon personal recreation, save for the briefest time. But the tide turned at last, and with more prosperous times he had more leisure to devote to his tastes, and, finding much enjoyment in shooting, fishing, and steam-yachting, he has indulged himself in these recreations for a number of years. He has visited the