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## A TEMPERANCE ALDERMAN.

JOHN T. MOORE, ESQ.

The subject of this sketch, Alderman John T. Moore, is the present leader of the temperance party and champion of temperance principles in the Toronto City Council. He is one of our most energetic, useful and highly esteemed citizens, genial and cordial in manner, and straightforward and conscientious in all his dealings.

Mr. Moore, who is now in his fortieth year, is a native Canadian. He was born in Markham Township, in the County of York, Ont., in 1844. His grand-parents came to Canada from the County of Tyrone, Ireland, in 1822. While he was yet an infant his parents moved to Berlin, where his boyhood was mostly spent, his much-respected father Wm K Moore being for many years the leading merchant of that town. At the Central and Grammar Schools of Berlin young Moore soon distinguished himself by the aptitude and energy that have characterized him ever since. He was easily head of his classes, showing special proficiency in mathematical studies. When scarcely more than a youth he was appointed Deputy-Registrar of the County of Waterloo, and for six years he discharged the duties of that responsible position with the highest credit to himself. In 1870 his departure to assume an important mercantile charge was made, by his many social and professional friends, the occasion of a valuable presentation, which evidenced the golden opinions he had won from those who had known him intimately—man and boy—for over twenty years. Since then various manufacturing and commercial pursuits have engaged his attention, and by ability and fidelity he has achieved the prominence he now enjoys. As Secretary of the Ontario Advisory Board at the Centennial Exhibition he performed difficult public duties in a manner that elicited from the Government a high encomium upon his energy, efficiency and economy. In the capacity of Managing Director of The Saskat-

chewan Homestead Company he is now contributing in an eminent degree to the development of the Canadian North-West.

In 1871, at the town of Galt, our friend was married to Annie, fourth daughter of the late Alexander Addison; this estimable lady presides over a happy and comfortable home in North Toronto, where three bright children—one daughter and two sons—enjoy the inestimable privileges of careful training and examples worthy of the closest imitation.



*Yours truly,  
J. T. Moore.*

Of the Methodist Church, to which he belongs, Mr. Moore is a worthy member and a useful officer. Among other functions he discharges those of Sabbath School Superintendent, class-leader and local preacher. He at present fills the highest representative position to which a Methodist layman can attain, namely, delegate to the General Conference—the highest parliament of the church. This dignity he received from the Metropolitan district of Toronto. His speech before the General Conference upon the subject of "Methodist Union" has been characterized as one of the ablest contributions to that important discussion.

His municipal honors came without being sought. He was elected to the Council of Yorkville by acclamation at first; then elected First Deputy Reeve, also by acclamation. He became alderman for St. Paul's Ward under the act of annexation which joined Yorkville to Toronto. He has just been re-elected over two other candidates, going through the formality of a contest this year for the first time.

In the winter of 1876, the energies and talents that had aided the success of so many other laudable enterprises were enlisted on behalf of the earnest efforts that were then being put forth in the interests of the temperance cause, and ever since John T. Moore has been counted in among the steadfast advocates of the prohibition movement. He did yeoman work in the contest that resulted in the adoption of the Dunkin Act by the County of York, being president at that time of the Yorkville association. He became secretary of the association in Toronto when that City entered the contest, and managed the details of that memorable fight. He organized, and for nearly three years presided over, the Yorkville