

positions, being at one time an officer of the 2nd Carleton militia, and later a member of the Civil Service Rifles.

Mr. Baker married first in 1852 Elizabeth Julia, third daughter of Colonel Frederick W. Clements, of the Royal Canadian Rifles, by Alicia Brickenden, granddaughter of the sixth Earl of Caven, and by her, who died in 1858, had four children, only two of them now living. He married, secondly, in 1861, Marion Johanna, eldest daughter of Dr. John Macauley Hamilton, who after retiring from the Royal Navy, brought his family from Orkney to Canada, and settled at Hamilton, and by her has eight children.

He is a member of the Church of England, a man of irreproachable character, warm-hearted, social and kindly in his disposition, and a friend of the unfortunate. Some writer says he has "grown gray in the public service," which is correct; but he has not grown old, in feelings at least. He belongs to that class who take good care of themselves; keep on the sunny side of life's broad highway, and are always young. He stands a good chance to "fly in the face of Scripture," as Joseph Chuzzlewit would say, who maintained that anybody who lived beyond the Bible allotment of time—three score years and ten—could not have a conscience, and "a proper sense of what was required of him," not having any business to live beyond that number of years.

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## DAVID BELL,

### PEMBROKE.

THE town of Pembroke, the seat of justice of the county of Renfrew, owes its rise, growth and present status to its lumber interests; and among the enterprising men who have aided to make the town what it is—a place with about 3,000 inhabitants, fine churches, large school-houses, commercial blocks, and spacious and elegant hotels—is the subject of this short sketch, who settled in Pembroke when it had two buildings, "all told."

Mr. Bell is a son of William Bell, tanner, and Margaret, *née* Wilson, residents of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, where he first saw this world's light, on the 3rd of June, 1821. He laid the foundation of his education in the parish schools of his native country; in 1832 came with his parents and other children to the county of Kent, New Brunswick, where he gave three more years to study, and then went into the woods and commenced lumbering, a business which he has followed almost constantly for more than forty years.

In 1843, Mr. Bell came from New Brunswick to this Province, and located at Pembroke, then simply the site of a village. The country at this point of the Ottawa valley, was very wild, and settlers were scarce, the denuding axe of the muscular chopper having made but few, and these were small, openings in the pine and hardwood forests. At one period, Mr. Bell was