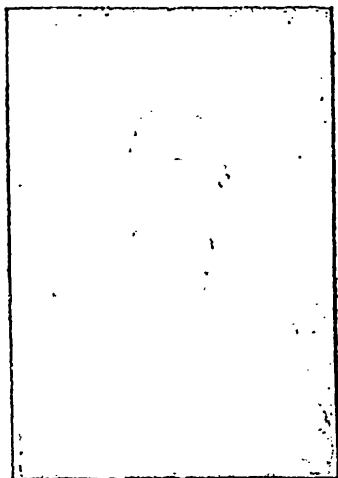


## THE ROCKWOOD REVIEW



W. COCHRANE.

The subject of our sketch is the son of the Rev. Wm. Cochrane, D.D., of Brantford, Ont. He left home for the wild and woolly west when a mere lad, and spent three and a half eventful years in Chicago, where he acquired much valuable experience in the Corn Exchange. Like a loyal Canadian though he gave up a promising future to return to his native land. In 1887 he entered the Ontario Government service, and came to Kingston as Assistant Bursar in Rockwood. He is one of the citizens of Kingston known by nearly everyone, and is popular with all classes except at election times, when his much dreaded ability in the handling of recalcitrant voters causes fellows on the other side to speak rather bitterly of "Billy." As an athlete Mr. Cochrane has seen better days, when he could show his heels to

nearly all of the sprinters in the community. When on the baseball diamond he was a good performer, and gave promise of whirlwind speed at tennis. He is now recognized as by far the best baseball umpire in this district, and woe betide the bluffer who dares to dispute his decisions, for William has a "pretty wit," and knows how to maintain the dignity of the position as well as to keep within the bounds laid down by the rules, and as he is quick and impartial in his decisions, what he says "goes." As a curler, Mr. Cochrane is well known third of the celebrated Dennison Rink, and Skip of the Oddfellows Rink—a combination at one time thought to be invincible. In curling circles Mr. Cochrane is an important factor, not only because of his skill on the ice, but also on account of his ability as an after dinner speaker and entertainer. When a clever topical song is wanted in Kingston, it goes without saying that Mr. Cochrane not only writes it but sings it as well, and some of these productions have been quite on a par with the Gilbert Bab Ballads, and have a spice of originality that makes them interesting.

Mr. Cochrane has occupied several important positions in Oddfellows Lodge No. 59, and was the youngest Past Grand Master elected in the history of the Lodge. He has filled these positions with credit to himself and the Society as well.

His energy and enthusiasm are bye words in the town, and if any scheme of merit is languishing, the best move for the projectors is to secure the services of the subject of our sketch. He has been an important element in many of Rockwood's most brilliant successes, and has a host of friends in the Institution.

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