

Breck, Ira Allen, Kingston, Ontario, was born in Burlington, Vermont, U. S., on the 1st September, 1825. His father, Henry Breck, was born at Boston, Mass., U. S., and his ancestors were of the old Welsh family Breck. Henry Breck served in the United States army under General Harrison, at the battle of Tippecanoe when the U. S. forces defeated the celebrated Tecumseh army of Indians, in 1811, and was afterwards with General Hull when the American army under that general was captured by the British forces at Detroit. Mr. Breck with a comrade escaped, and made his way afoot through the wilderness from Windsor, Canada, to Burlington, Vermont, which finished his career as a soldier. He removed then to Jefferson county, N. Y., and finally settled at Cape Vincent, where he commenced business as grocer, and continued in the same until his death in 1837. Our subject's mother, Miranda, was a sister of the Hon. Jacob Collamer, chief justice of Vermont, and afterwards member of the United States Congress, and then senator from Vermont, representing that State in the United States Senate until his death some ten years ago. He was at one time postmaster-general of the United States, while General Taylor was president. Ira Allen Breck received only such education as the common and select schools of the village could afford; but received a good commercial education, first with his father, and afterwards with O. P. Starky, a prominent merchant at Cape Vincent. Upon the marriage of his sister Marion, to D. D. Calvin, Mr. Breck came to Canada in 1845, as clerk in the office of Calvin & Cook, doing business at Garden Island, Canada, as lumbermen, ship-builders and forwarders. After serving about six years as book-keeper in the office, and upon Mr. Cook retiring from the Kingston business, Mr. Breck became partner with Mr. Calvin, the firm's name being then Calvin & Breck, and so continuing until 1880, when Mr. Breck retired. Mr. Calvin's son, Hiram, in the meantime having attained mature business capacity, took the place in the firm previously occupied by Mr. Breck. Mr. Breck never took any leading part in politics, but has always been active in the interest of the Conservative party, his attention being given almost wholly to the business of the firm, which from comparatively small beginnings, increased to a large extent, and became widely known as producers of timber and staves, and also as forwarders of the same goods for other producers from lakes Superior, Huron, Erie and Ontario to

Garden Island per vessels, thence to Quebec per raft. Calvin & Breck were proprietors of the Government tug-line from its commencement in about 1849 until its close in 1876, with the exception of the years 1853 and 1854, furnishing steamers for towage of barges and schooners on a government tariff between Kingston and Montreal. Calvin & Breck were also extensively engaged, during the existence of the firm, in the building of lake vessels, steamers and barges. The head of the business being at Garden Island, an incorporated village owned by the firm and inhabited by their employees, no place for the selling of intoxicating liquor was ever allowed in the village; in fact it always was, and is yet, a strictly temperance village with no licenses and no drinking shops. If their employees ever get any intoxicating drink, they were under the necessity of going away from their village to purchase it, and of bringing it in without the knowledge of the firm. Mr. Breck is a member of the Congregational church, which he joined twenty-five years ago. His first wife was Edna C. Potter, a niece of D. D. Calvin; she died young, after giving birth to two children. The daughter is now the wife of William Leslie, manager of Collins Bay Rafting and Forwarding Company. The son, L. W. Breck, is in business at Kingston. Our subject's second wife was Jessie, sister of the Rev. K. M. Fenwick. By this lady he has one son, born on the 2nd September, 1872.

Millar, Alexander, Barrister-at-law, Berlin, Ontario, was born at Berlin, County of Waterloo, on the 4th of November, 1835. He is a son of Frederick Gourlay Millar, and Isabella Henderson, his wife, the former having been born in New York state, of Scottish parents and the latter in Scotland. Alexander Millar was educated at the Berlin and Galt Grammar schools. He was admitted to the Law Society in 1856; became an attorney and solicitor in 1861, and was called to the bar in 1863. He has been in the practice of the law at Berlin continuously ever since 1861. He was appointed ensign in the Berlin company of volunteer infantry on its formation in 1865, and afterwards was in command of that company. In municipal politics he has taken much interest and was elected mayor of Berlin in 1884 and 1885, by acclamation in both cases. He became a member of Grand River lodge, No. 151, A. F. & A. M., 1880, and a member of Grand River chapter, No. 70, in 1883. He was senior warden of the G. R. lodge in 1884. Mr. Millar was a candidate for the