

of a century. It is not a long period, and yet, besides him, there are not more than two merchants now in Guelph, who were in mercantile business here in the spring of 1855—a good illustration of the mutations of the time and changes of this changing age.

Mr. Horsman began business on a moderate scale; has expanded it from time to time, until it amounted to \$125,000 per annum. He has done a wholesale as well as retail business from the start, and has withstood every financial storm, during all this trying period, commencing with 1857, in which year, and immediately following it, thousands of merchants in Canada and the United States, went down. The last three or four years have been equally as disastrous. There is no more prudent, straightforward, and successful merchant in this city than Mr. Horsman. He has done some public work in the town council, and the board of education, and has been a magistrate for twenty years or more. He is a member of the Church of England, was for some time warden of the same, and is a man of sterling christian standing.

His political affiliations are with the Conservative party, in the welfare of which he takes much interest and has a high position; being president of the Conservative Association for the south riding of Wellington.

The wife of Mr. Horsman was Miss Elizabeth Worsfold, of the township of Eramosa, county of Wellington, their marriage taking place in September, 1860. They have four children: John Edward, Frances Alexandra Whitton, Emma May and Laura Louise.

## HON. ALEXANDER MACKENZIE,

TORONTO.

IN a book of this character, where our space is limited, we can only briefly sketch the principal events of Mr. Mackenzie's life, laying the foundation for the more extended notice which will occupy an important place in the history of Canada.

He was born near Dunkeld on the 28th of January, 1822, being third son of the late Mr. Alexander Mackenzie, of Logierait, Perthshire, Scotland, by Mary, second daughter of Mr. Donald Fleming, of the same parish, both well-known families in Athol and Strathhtay. His paternal grandfather was Mr. Malcolm Mackenzie, of Strathtummel.

Our subject was educated at the public schools of Moulin, Dunkeld, and Perth, enjoying no higher facilities, owing to the death of his father, which left him, at the age of fourteen, to push his own way in life. Mr. Mackenzie, however, has made up for the lack of a University course, by being a hard student ever since, and has acquired not only an accurate knowledge of general literature, but of political, constitutional, industrial, and social history, such as few possess. Previous to emigrating to Canada, in 1842, he learned the business of a builder and contractor, and after settling at Sarnia, Ontario, where he first made his home in Canada, he