

ton, and soon acquired a large practice which he has carried on in such a manner as to win him the sincere regard of his fellow-practitioners and the esteem of the whole community. His devotion to his profession has always been of the most ardent nature, and it has been marked by an unceasing energy which has doubtless done much to aid him in acquiring the skill he is known to possess as a medical man. From public matters he has always held aloof, though taking a keen interest in political contests, both for the Province and the Dominion. Though a free trader in principle, he has always been attached to the Liberal-Conservative party, and is a strong believer in the policy of Protection to home industry in Canada so long as the people of the United States pursue a similar policy with regard to the industries of that country. In religion, he belongs to the Church of England, and is a member of the congregation of Christ Church Cathedral, of which he has been churchwarden and for years one of the board of management. His connection with secret societies has been confined to the Canadian Order of Oddfellows, of which he has been a member for the past thirty-six years, and he has long been the trusted physician of Loyal Commercial Lodge, No. 9, one of the oldest in Canada. On October 18th, 1855, Dr. Ridley married Catharine Mary, eldest daughter of the late Senator Edmund Murney, of Belleville, the issue of their union being a family of seven children, of whom five daughters are living.

E. E. PERRAULT,

*Ottawa, Ont.*

**E**DWARD EUGENE PERRAULT, C.E., of Ottawa, is still in lusty youth and enjoys the distinction of being the youngest city engineer in the Dominion. He was born at Ottawa, September 12th, 1858. His parents were Beloni Perrault and Emily Danis, both French Canadians and natives of L'Assomption county, Que. The former came to Ottawa in 1831, shortly after the construction was begun of the Rideau canal, and engaged in the lumber business. The Danis family came about the same time. The subject of our sketch received his early education at the common school, after which he attended Ottawa University, taking a thorough classical and mathematical course and making engineering a specialty. In 1876 he carried off the Dufferin medal in mathematics, and in 1878 he graduated as C.E. After graduating he obtained a position as assistant to G. W. Macklem, chief engineer of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa railway, with whom he remained until the C. P. R. Company acquired

the road, in 1881. His next position was as divisional engineer on the eastern section of the Canada Atlantic line between Beauharnois canal and Rouse's Point. This position he filled until 1885, when he was appointed assistant engineer for the city of Ottawa. In July, 1887, on his chief, Mr. Surtees, taking the position of water works engineer, he was appointed city engineer, the duties of which office he has discharged with great ability and to the entire satisfaction of the civic authorities. Devoting himself almost exclusively to his profession, Mr. Perrault gives but little attention to outside affairs and takes no part in either municipal or general politics. He has been a member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers since its incorporation in June, 1887; he also belongs to the St. Joseph's Society and to the French Canadian Institute. In religion he is a Roman Catholic. In 1887, Mr. Perrault married Martha, daughter of John Walsh, of Lacolle, P.Q., and has issue two sons and a daughter. Both in his official capacity and as a private citizen Mr. Perrault is much and deservedly esteemed in Ottawa.

MAURICE FICHOT,

*Ottawa, Ont.*

**M**AURICE FICHOT, proprietor of the Ingres-Coutellier School of Modern Languages, Ottawa, was born in Paris, France, December 12th, 1863. He is the only son of Joseph Fichot and his wife, Alexandrine de Chatillon, these also being natives of "the gay capital." His father was a prosperous silk manufacturer, having a large factory at Lyons. Our subject was educated at the Jesuit college in his native city, at which he graduated as bachelor of science in 1881. After the lapse of several years, he came to Canada in 1889, and on his arrival made St. John, N.B., his headquarters. But his sojourn "down by the sea" only lasted about six months, for he soon found that further west there was a much better sphere of operations in his specialty—that of organizing schools for instruction in modern languages. Accordingly, he came to Ottawa, and connected himself with the Ingres-Coutellier school, of which he became sole proprietor in the early part of 1891. The institution is in a very prosperous condition, the staff consisting of five highly accomplished teachers of the French, German and Spanish languages, with a large roll of pupils. In affiliation with the main school at Ottawa, there are branches at Pembroke, Arnprior, Kingston, Brockville, Smith's Falls, Perth and the Thousand Islands. There are also affiliated schools at Toronto and Hamilton, Ont., St. John, N.B., and Charlottetown, P.E.I. M. Fichot, who has a high reputation as an in-