

Mr. Thomas D. Hood was born in St. Johns, Newfoundland, on February the 24th, 1819. He is the son of Peter Hood and Annabella Greenlaw. In 1834, when but fifteen years of age, he came to Montreal and entered Messrs. Hilton & Baird's establishment to learn the trade of a cabinet maker. At the outcome of a strike, Mr. Hood left his employers and secured a position with the Meade Brothers, who were then dealing in pianos and music, and piano makers. One of the members of this firm died, and Mr. Hood bought all the interests of the firm, and for years conducted a thriving piano factory. He retired from business in 1878. He was united in marriage to Miss Ann Adams, about 1838, but his wife died a few years later, and in 1843, he espoused Miss Elizabeth Ann Paton, whose death occurred in 1901.

Mr. Hood was a very popular alderman at the Council, and had a prompt and decisive judgment in all cases that needed a careful, businesslike settlement.

Mr. Hood is a veteran of the volunteer service, having seen much service in the old Montreal Rifle Companies at the time of the rebellion of 1837 and 1838. Being of English parentage, he identified himself with the St. George's Society, and did considerable useful service in connection with the charitable work of that splendid organization.

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#### PETER DONOVAN.

Mr. Peter Donovan, ex-alderman is one of the oldest ex-members of the Council now living, having been born in Ireland, 78 years ago. Coming to Canada in his youth with his parents, Mr. Donovan settled in Montreal, but in early youth drifted out West to participate in the lumber trade. At the age of about thirty he returned to Montreal, and started