

worth; but he concluded his studies by a course at the Grammar School of Hamilton. Mr. Awrey has always exhibited a large public spirit, and at the time of the Fenian raid, he took an active part in the formation of a corps of volunteers, and was one of the commanding officers of the Binbrook company, now forming part of the 77th battalion. From a very early age our subject took a deep interest in politics, and he soon declared it to be his intention to try some day for a place in the legislature. His friends perceived that he was well informed on public questions, and he had the ability to make himself heard; therefore, when he had not yet reached his twenty-eighth year, he was elected representative in the Ontario Legislature for the South Riding of Wentworth. His career since has been marked by industry, and painstaking. He is one of the most observant and thoughtful men in the House, and he devotes himself heart and soul to the interests of his constituents and of his province. Mr. Awrey has travelled extensively through the United States, and through our own western territories. He married on the 15th of October, 1872, Hasseltine Barlow, youngest daughter of Richard Barlow, of Wentworth county, and the fruit of this union is three children.

Tims, Thomas Dillon, the Financial Inspector for the Dominion of Canada, third son of the late William and Catherine Dillon Tims, was born in Castle Pollard, County Westmeath, Ireland, on the 6th January, 1825. The family came to Canada, and settled in the City of Quebec in the year 1834, where Mr. Tims, senior, died in 1836, and his widow also died in 1862. A younger brother, Frank D. Tims, now occupies the position of deputy auditor-general for the Province of Quebec, and their sister, the Reverend Mother St. Catherine, who entered the monastery of the Ursulines at Quebec many years ago, is still living at the convent, after having occupied for two consecutive terms—the longest period permitted by the regulations—the high position of lady superioress. While still quite a lad, Thomas D. Tims became connected with one of the principal mercantile establishments in Quebec, of which he became manager at the early age of nineteen years. The business of the firm being of a very varied and extensive character, ample opportunities were afforded him for acquiring a thorough knowledge of the commercial affairs of Canada, as well as those of the principal foreign countries then trading with this country.

Having determined upon starting in business on his own account, he was tempted to select the new and rising town of St. Mary's, in the County of Perth, Western Canada, as a point where a large business might be established and profitably carried on. He accordingly moved there with his family in 1855, and soon afterwards was offered and accepted the position of agent of the Commercial Bank of Canada, and, therefore, became the pioneer banker at St. Mary's. His prospects of success in extensive grain and other business of a general character, which he endeavoured to establish, were, however, soon blighted by the delays that took place in the opening of the Grand Trunk Railway, then in course of construction, and almost completed to St. Mary's. The general depression in trade throughout the world at this time (1857) so severely affected business at St. Mary's, and the prospects of revival there seemed so remote, that Mr. Tims was reluctantly obliged to abandon the prospects he had formed, and, in 1858, moved with his family to Toronto, on his appointment, under Sir A. T. Galt, then finance minister, to a leading position in the audit branch of his department, where he was immediately allotted the important special duty of superintending the compilation and printing of the public accounts, and the preparation of the estimates for parliament. During his long sojourn at St. Mary's, Mr. Tims occupied a very prominent position in the county. Having been appointed a magistrate soon after his arrival, he took a lively interest in all public matters, especially those affecting the welfare of his new home. On severing his connection with the bank, he was the recipient of very complimentary acknowledgments from the president and general manager for his successful management, under great and unforeseen difficulties, and his removal to Toronto was the cause of universal regret, even amongst those with whom Mr. Tims had differed widely on public questions of the day. The very large experience Mr. Tims had acquired in commercial affairs proved invaluable in connection with the duties he was afterwards destined to discharge in the public service. Being an expert in all matters relating to accounts of a complicated character, his previous training enabled him to afford great assistance to his chief in improving the system of conducting the business of the department. In 1863 Mr. Tims was instructed by government to enquire into prison management at Montreal, where the