

**Stuart, John**, Hamilton, was born in Fifekeith, Bantshire, Scotland, on June 24th, 1830, and is a son of James and Margaret Stuart. His father was a builder, and in later years was employed in planning and superintending works and buildings through the county, but chiefly for the Earl of Fife, by whom he was held in great esteem. He died in 1839. John Stuart was educated in the parish school of Keith, receiving there a sound elementary training from a teacher renowned in the north of Scotland for success in teaching and training youth. After his early school period, he had several years training as clerk in a lawyer's office in Keith; and in 1848 he emigrated to Canada. Mr. Stuart resided in Toronto from 1848 to 1864, and from the latter year to the present he has dwelt in Hamilton. During several of the later years of his residence in Toronto, he was a member of the School Board and office-bearer in Knox Church. Since taking up his residence in Hamilton he has been largely connected with most of the railway and other public enterprises of the place. He was a director of the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway during its construction; and of the Hamilton & Lake Erie Railway until its amalgamation with the Hamilton & North-Western Railway. He has been president of the Hamilton & North-Western Railway from the incorporation of the company; and since its fusion with the Northern Railway in 1879, has been a member of the executive committee of the combined companies, and a director and member of the executive of the Northern & Pacific Junction Railway. He also is a director of the Canada Life Assurance Company; and was vice-president, and is now president, of the Bank of Hamilton. In politics Mr. Stuart is a Liberal, but he took no active part in politics until 1874, when he was invited to contest South Norfolk. He was elected in the reform interest, and sat in the first session of that parliament, but was unseated by the election court, and defeated in the succeeding contest by the conservative candidate, Wm. Wallace. Since that time he has been fully occupied with railway, banking and other business enterprises, and has taken no part in politics. He has continuously lived in Canada except in 1872 and 1873, which years were largely passed in travel with his family in Europe. Mr. Stuart was born and brought up a Presbyterian, and is still so in feeling and sympathy, but, attaching less importance now to forms of worship or church government, he has, for family and other reasons,

for some time worshipped in the Church of the Ascension (Episcopal church). He married in 1856, Jane, only daughter of John Jacques, of Toronto, and has had two sons and two daughters. One daughter died at seven years of age, and his second son, a bright and promising youth of seventeen, was carried away by typhoid fever, contracted at Upper Canada College. The eldest son is now a partner in the firm of John Stuart, Son, & Co., of Hamilton.

**McKeough, John**, Chatham, brother of William McKeough, a sketch of whose life appears on page 512 of this volume, was born at Thurler, County of Tipperary, Ireland. He is a descendant of the Macindrosers or Mackeoghs, who, in the ancient history of Scotland, were clansmen of the Macdougals of Lorne. The legend of the attempt of three of these to slay King Robert Bruce, is well-known to Scottish historians; and how they succeeded in securing the famous "brooch of Lorne," which was a personal ornament of King Robert Bruce. In the "Lord of the Isles," Sir Walter Scott recites the romantic and thrilling incident. The three daring clansmen, it will be remembered, lost their lives for their audacity. The grandfather of John McKeough, James, belonged to Rahealty, in the County of Tipperary, and was uncle of the late Hon. Mr. Justice Keough. The grandmother of our subject was a sister of the Rev. Francis Mahony, the well-known "Father Prout," author of that marvellously musical poem, "The Bells of Shandon," beginning with this stanza:

"With deep affection and recollection

I often think of those Shandon bells,

Whose sound so wild would in days of childhood

Fling round my cradle their magic spells."

Thomas, the father of John McKeough, came to Canada while his children were yet young, and settled in Paris, Ontario. Some time afterwards misfortunes of business came, and John McKeough and his brother William, found it necessary to take any employment that offered. Our subject had a brave heart, and strong hands, and the difficulties in his way soon began to disappear. Some years afterwards, he established in Chatham, in connection with his brother William, a hardware and plumbing business, of which he is the senior partner. He stood bondsman for the treasurer of the town for over twenty years, which prevented him from taking any municipal office; but had he chosen to enter public life, there would have been little difficulty in his way in do-

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