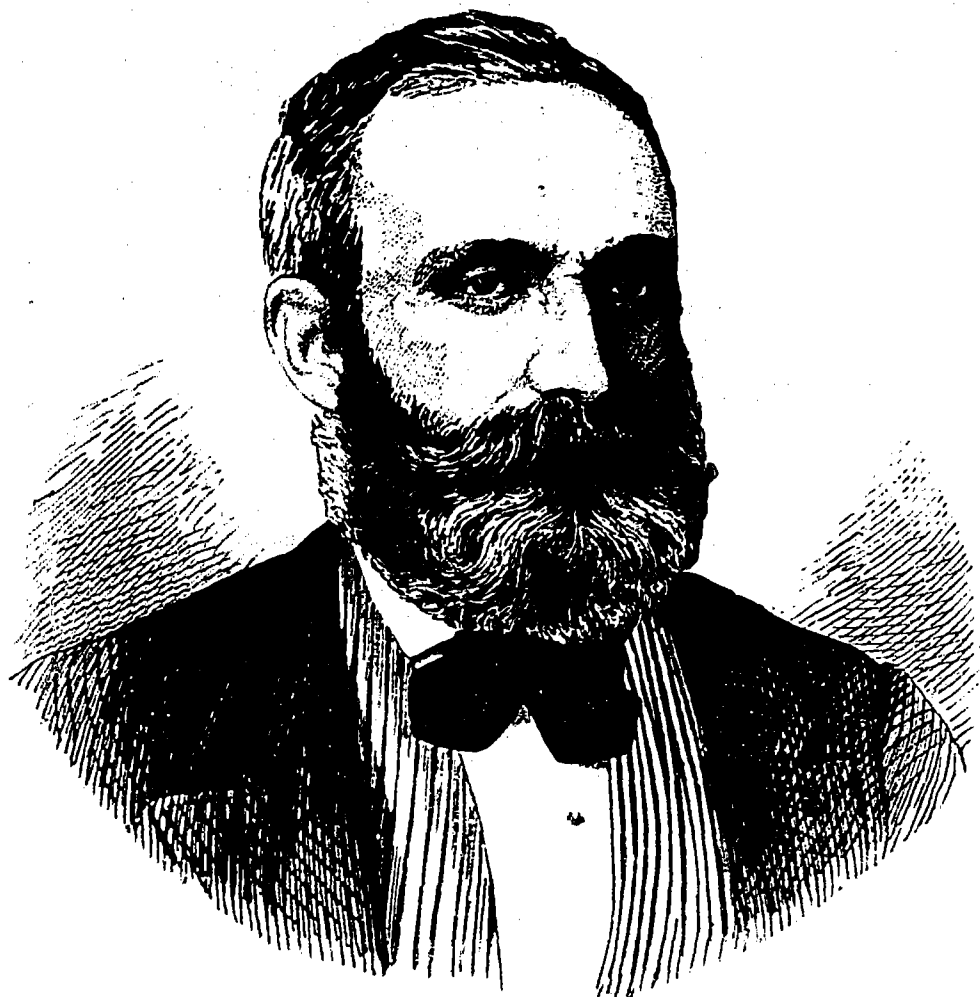


OUR CANADIAN PORTRAIT GALLERY.

No. 43.—McKENZIE BOWELL,
ESQ., M. P.,
GRAND MASTER OF THE ORANGE INSTITUTION
OF B. N. A.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Loyal Orange Institution of British North America, recently held at Kingston, Ont., a change was made in the Grand Mastership, which had been held for many years by the Hon. John Hillyard Cameron, Q. C., M. P. Mr. Bowell, of Belleville, was then unanimously elected to the office, and as it is one of considerable importance—the headship of a society numbering over two hundred thousand members—we this week give the new Grand Master a place in our "Gallery."

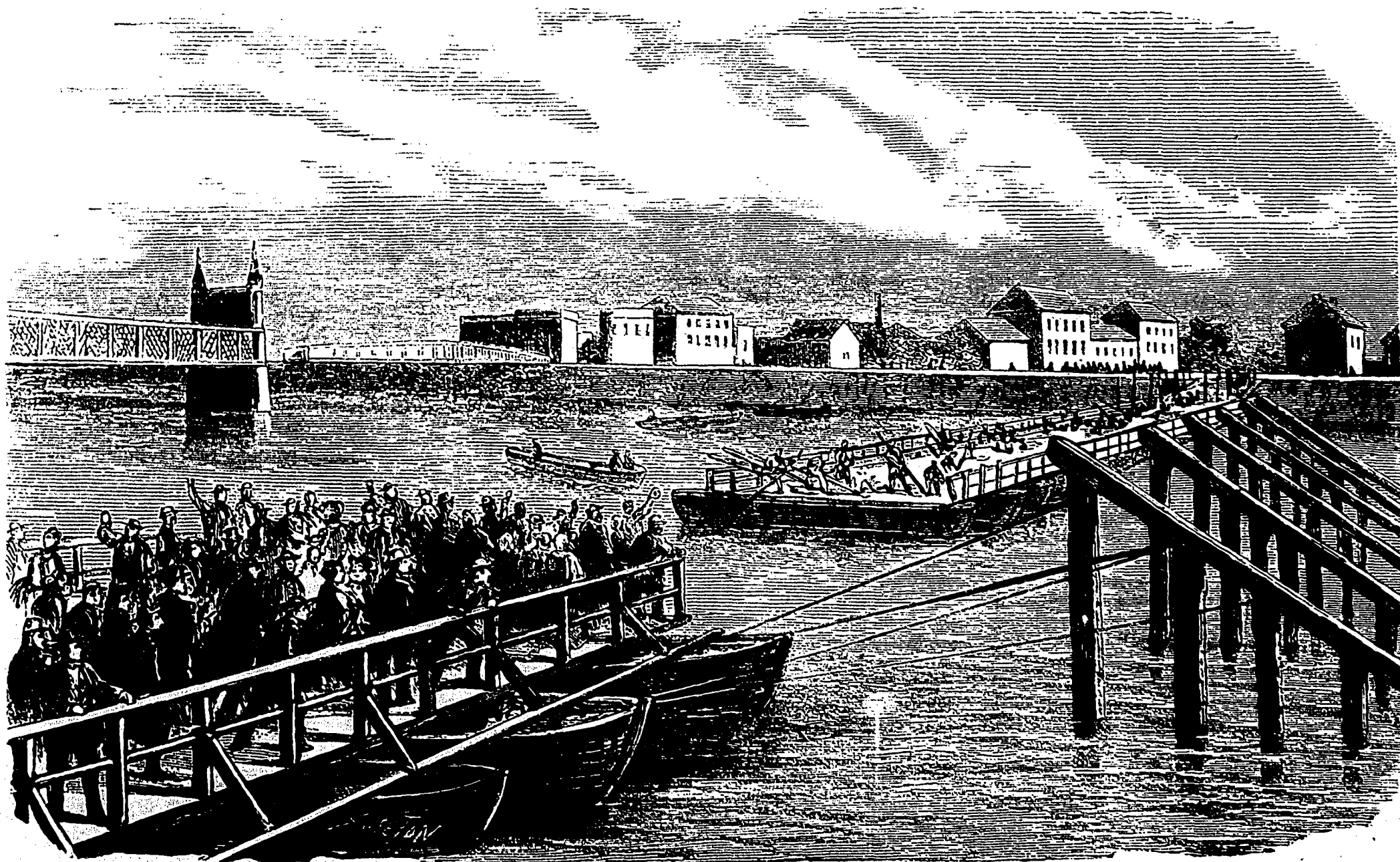
Mr. McKenzie Bowell, member of the House of Commons for the North Riding of Hastings, is an Englishman by birth, having been born at Rickingham, Suffolk, 27th December, 1823. He came to this country with his father in 1833, and like many other emigrant boys had to work his way unaided by the fortuitous circumstances which surround the children of position and fortune, and which place them at one bound on the high road to wealth and fame. Though not having the advantages of a collegiate education, he was endowed with superior natural abilities which were brought into play to a limited extent at the Common and District schools, but which were more fully developed in that best of training-schools, the Printing Office. An industrious student, a keen observer, a deep thinker, a close reasoner, a vigorous writer, and with a practical knowledge of men and things, he very soon placed himself in the front ranks of his profession, and made the *Intelligencer*, which he has for twenty-two years conducted, one of the best and most influential political country journals in the Province. In the olden times when party spirit ran high, and the war of politics was waged to the bitter end, he always managed to maintain his position, but when the strife was over, there was none more willing than he to bury the hatchet, and smoke the pipe of peace. It was his successful management of his party in the county in which he lives, that placed him amongst its leaders while yet a mere youth, and that made him sought for as one of its representa-



McKENZIE BOWELL, Esq., M. P.

tives in more mature years. He entered Parliament in 1867, being the first representative to the House of Commons, under the Confederation Act, for the North Riding of Hastings. He signalized his entrance into Parliament by moving a series of resolutions against Sir Geo. E. Cartier's Militia Bill, and though he failed to carry them all, he succeeded in defeating the Minister of Militia on some important points by which a considerable reduction was made in the expenditure. Though not heard from as often as some more prominent members, he has always taken an active and intelligent part in the business of the House. He is a Conservative in politics, protectionist, and an advocate of the "national policy;" consequently he supported Sir Francis Hincks' Tariff. Although classed as a supporter of the present administration, he takes an independent course in Parliament, looking to the measures and not the men who introduce them.

For thirteen years he was Chairman of the Common School Board of Belleville, and for a number of years Chairman of the Grammar School, always taking a lively interest in the promotion of Education amongst the masses. For many years he has been an active promoter of the Volunteer Militia force, as well as an active member. At the time of the St. Alban's raid he went with his company to Amherstburg, where, at considerable sacrifice to his business, he remained four months. He was also at Prescott during the Fenian Raid in 1866. At present he holds the rank of Major in the 49th Battalion Volunteer Militia. He was one of the founders of the Press Association—an association which, in the language of the late Mr. McGee, has done much to elevate and ennoble and make the Press of Canada respected at home as well as abroad; and had the honour of filling the office of President of the Association. He has long been a prominent member of the Orange fraternity, occupying for several years past, the position of Grand Master of Central Canada, and while in Ireland last year he was the guest of the famous Wm. Johnson, M. P., of Ballykillbeg, and large ovations were given in his honour at Belfast and other places. At the last session of the Grand Lodge of British North America he was unanimously



THE WAR.—DISMANTLING THE BRIDGE BETWEEN STRASBOURG AND KEHL.—SEE PAGE 114.