

In political views Mr. Smith is a Reformer, but has never taken an active part in politics, though frequently solicited to do so; and in religion is a member of the Church of England, being at present churchwarden of Christ church, Yonge street.

In December, 1845, he married Eliza Caroline, daughter of staff-surgeon Thom, of Perth, half-sister of Mrs. Spragge, wife of the present Chancellor. She died six years later, leaving two children, the eldest of whom died from the effects of neglect and exhaustion incurred by the Fenian raid, and especially from the affair at Ridgeway, in 1866, and was buried with military honors by the 13th regiment, to which he belonged, a company of the regiment attending his funeral from Hamilton. The second son died at Barrie, whilst attending the grammar school there. Our subject was married a second time, at Toronto, on the 19th of August, 1858, to Mary Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late James Frederick Smith, Esq., for many years a well-known merchant of Toronto. By the latter marriage he has had eleven children, ten of whom survive.

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WITH the single exception of Dr. Ryerson there is no other who has had as much to do with the development of the educational systems of Ontario as Dr. Hodgins. For nearly forty years he has been at the helm of the educational ship, and while all agree (and none more heartily than the subject of this sketch) that to his great captain, Dr. Ryerson, the credit is mainly due, it is certain that the perseverance, the faithfulness, and especially the administrative ability of Dr. Hodgins contributed very largely to the triumphant success which they so harmoniously accomplished.

John George Hodgins, brother of Thomas Hodgins, Q.C., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume, was born in Dublin, August 12, 1821, and came to Canada when twelve years of age. He was educated, therefore, in this Province, and few of her sons, either by birth or adoption, have so well repaid the debt which they owe her. He attended the Upper Canada Academy, and Victoria College, Cobourg. He received the degree of M.A. from Victoria University. Although his duties were very onerous, he found time to graduate in the faculty of Law in Toronto University, from which he received the degrees of LL.B. in 1860, and of LL.D. in 1870. He was called to the Bar of Ontario in the year 1870.

His connection with the Education Department began in 1844, when he was appointed senior clerk. In 1846 he became Secretary of the Board of Education for Upper Canada, afterwards called the Council of Public Instruction. He was elevated to his present responsible position in 1855, and has now filled it for a quarter of a century with very much credit. He