

MR. THOMAS MURRAY.

Mr. Murray was born in the Township of Goulbourne, County of Carleton, on the 18th January, 1836, and is therefore seventy-nine years of age. Mr. Murray was educated at Smith's Falls and moved to Pembroke in the year 1858, when he and his brother Michael opened a general store. Michael died shortly afterwards, and Mr. Murray took his brother William into partnership. The firm carried on an extensive general merchandise business, besides dealing in raw furs and lumber on a large scale. The business of the firm continually increased and the Murrays were so energetic that in time they were the owners of a series of branch stores, ten in number, at different points along the C.P.R. from Cobden to Chapleau. The firm also had several contracts from the C.P.R. while it was under construction, and furnished ties for the Company for a number of seasons, taking out in one season as many as 500,000 ties. Mr. Murray has been through thirteen political campaigns, five in the County of Pontiac, Quebec, and eight in the County of Renfrew. He has sat for twenty years in parliament, part of the time in the local house and part in the Commons. Mr. Murray is the only living member of the first parliament of Ontario. He always was and still is a staunch Liberal. In municipal politics Mr. Murray also took an active part, being a town councillor for a great many years and mayor of the town for three consecutive years in the "seventies." During the County Town agitation Mr. Murray spared neither time nor money in having Pembroke chosen as the county seat of Renfrew County. For the past eight or ten years Mr. Murray has been living retired. He is still active, despite his many years and is a very familiar figure about the town. Mr. Murray was always one of the most aggressive business men in the town. He is a Roman Catholic.

MR. MICHAEL HOWE.

Mr. Howe was born in the County of Tipperary, Ireland, in September, 1842. He is therefore seventy-two years of age. In 1862 Mr. Howe immigrated to Canada, entering the employ of the late William and Michael O'Meara in their general store business here. In 1883 Mr. Howe entered into partnership with the widow of Mr. Michael O'Meara and in 1897 took the business over and has been conducting it successfully ever since. Mr. Howe during his lengthy residence in Pembroke, has taken a keen interest in the welfare of the Town and has given his time unselfishly towards furthering its interests, having served a great number of years as Town Councillor, and thirty years as a member of the Separate School Board and Board of Education. Mr. Howe has always been the friend of the poor in Pembroke, giving liberally to charity at all times. At the present time he is Treasurer of the Pembroke General Relief Fund. Mr. Howe is one of the most active of the old men of Pembroke and looks as if he will be a live number for many years to come. He is a Roman Catholic in religion and a valued member of the C.M.B.A.

MR. W. C. KENNEDY.

Mr. Kennedy was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1833. He is therefore eighty-two years of age. He came to Canada with his parents in 1841, settling in Bytown, where he remained for two years, from whence he went to Quebec where he stayed until he came to Pembroke in the year 1851. When Mr. Kennedy first came to Pembroke he was employed in the shanties of Messrs. William and James Moffatt. He remained with that firm for seven years, when he entered the employ of Messrs. Bronson and Weston as a clerk in their lumber camps. Mr. Kennedy worked for that firm for twenty-three years. Since then Mr. Kennedy has spent all his time exploring, travelling and picking up limits for different lumber concerns. He made his last exploring trip in 1912. It is safe to say that no other man in Canada knows the wilds of the Dominion better than Mr. Kennedy. His exploring trips have taken him into practically all parts of the country between the Atlantic Ocean and the Rocky Mountains. Mr. Kennedy travelled the forests of Newfoundland, and four years ago spent three months in the pine forests of Mexico for an American concern. Mr. Kennedy is one of the town's most popular old gentlemen. He is a Presbyterian in religion.

MR. WALTER BEATTY.

Mr. Beatty was born in the Township of Young, County of Leeds, twelve miles from the present city of Brockville, on the ninth day of January, 1841. He is therefore seventy-four years of age. Mr. Beatty was educated in the township of Young and moved to Pakenham in 1859, where he learned the trade of a carpenter. On the twenty-ninth of March, 1863, he came to Pembroke, to work for Mr. Lawrence Naismith, and in the next few years proved such a valuable employee that in 1871 Mr. Naismith took him into partnership in his sash and door factory and general contracting business. After Mr. Naismith's death, Mr. Beatty continued the business, and it is still flourishing under the personal direction of the splendid old gentleman. Mr. Beatty is a devout Presbyterian and has always been one of the main pillars of the Presbyterian church in Pembroke. He is a staunch Conservative in politics and has occupied the presidency of the North Renfrew Conservative Association for many years. Mr. Beatty has also served his town well, being a Councillor for a great many years, and Mayor for the years 1884 and 1885. Mr. Beatty has always been popular with the public and has a reputation for honesty of which anyone might be proud. One point about Mr. Beatty which stands out more prominently than all others is the hospitality he extends to strangers to the town. The Beatty home in years gone by has served to relieve the loneliness of many a person's first month in a strange town.