

generous opponent, and would never resort to those questionable means unhappily too common in election contests in Can. In the spring of 1881 he went to Europe to investigate the opportunities for introducing in Austria the Can. system of drilling for oil. Favourably impressed with his observations, he returned to Can. for competent men to assist in the work, and in July, same year, again went to Austria, accompanied by several of Petrolea's most skilful drillers. After some yrs., his efforts in this new field of endeavour were crowned with success, and he became the principal owner of the oil mines in Galicia. He likewise established many other important industries in that country, and now employs between 600 and 700 men. His principal managers in the various depts., of which there are about 30, are Canadians. By adopting a high standard of business principles Mr. McG. has acquired wealth and earned an enviable position in the country of his adoption. His entire career is well summed up in the words of one who knows him well. "He is," says this friend, "a brilliant example of integrity, honour and perseverance." He m. July, 1868, Miss Helena J. Wesolowska, Mt. Clemens, Mich. In Nov., 1895, his dau., Mamie, was m. to Count Eberhard von Zeppelin, 2nd lieut. German Lancers.—*Kryg, Post Gorlice, Galizien, Austria.*

McGEE, John Joseph, Dom. public service, was b. in Wexford, Irel., Aug. 6, 1845. Ed. at St. Peter's Coll., Wexford, he came to Can., 1863, at the instance of his bro., the late Hon. Thos. D'Arcy McGee. He became a P. L. S., 1866, and was employed by the Govt. on special surveys in the Dist. of Algoma, on the completion of which he took a course of scientific studies in McGill Univ., Montreal. Subsequently, he was professionally engaged under the Govt. during the construction of the Intercl. Ry., and in connection with the Ry. Comte. of the Ho. of Commons. After spending 13 yrs.

in the outside service, he entered the inside branch of the C. S., 1879, as a 1st Class Clk. in the Dom. Lands Survey Branch of the Dept. of the Interior. Apptd. Clk. of the Queen's Privy Council for Can., May 20, 1882, he holds a commission under the Great Seal of the Dom., empowering him to administer oaths of Allegiance and of Office to all persons apptd. to any office under the Great or Priy Seals, and he is also Commr. under the Oaths Act, for the Provinces of Que., N. S., N. B., Man., B. C., and P. E. I., and for the N. W. T. Mr. McG. is likewise Depty. Governor to His Excellency the Governor-General, under Lord Aberdeen's Privy Seal. In religious faith, a R. C., he m. 1871, Miss Lizzie Crotty, niece of H. Crotty, D. & J. Sadlier & Co., N. Y. He was elected Presdt. of the Youville Inst., Ottawa, 1895, and of the Rideau Skating and Curling Club, 1897.—*185 Daly Ave., Ottawa; Eastern Departmental Buildings.*

McGIBBON, Alexander, Dom. public service, was b. of Scottish parentage at Petite Côté, Montreal, Jan. 15, 1829. His early yrs. were spent upon a farm, but when a mere lad he entered the mercantile house of Neil McIntosh, Montreal, and there obtained a thorough commercial training. Later, he embarked in business on his own account, and was so engaged at the outbreak of the N.-W. rebellion, 1885, when he was offered and accepted the office of Quartermaster-Genl. and Chief Transport Offr. of the Alberta Field force, under Maj.-Genl. Strange, R.A. On the termination of his duties as such, May, 1886, he was apptd. Insp. of Ind. agencies and reserves in the N. W. T., with headquarters at Regina, which position he still fills. While residing in Montreal he held a seat in the City Council, was a gov. of the Genl. Hospital and of the Ho. of Refuge, and Presdt. of both the St. Andrew's and Caledonian socs. In 1869 he was presented by the minister and cong. of Knox Ch. with a splendid testimonial, the famous