

city of Winnipeg was a place of resort and James McKay was always looked upon as a peacemaker among the many disturbing elements of Old Assiniboia.

IX.

HON. JOHN NORQUAY.

Among the men of note of the native people of Old Assiniboia was Honourable John Norquay, a man of greatest ability in affairs, of skill as a speaker and a successful leader of men. He was an honour to Manitoba. Of Orkney and native descent he was a nephew of the Arctic explorer, Captain Kennedy. Born at Cumberland House on the Saskatchewan River, he was educated at St. John's College, Winnipeg. Early in 1870 he became a representative in the first local Parliament of the Province, and became premier of Manitoba in 1878. He was an excellent speaker, a patient and cautious leader and being of mixed blood was a most successful peacemaker among the Manitoba gathering of people of polyglot tongues. His efforts led on to the strong community feeling in his province, which has grown markedly from year to year since his day. The Orkneys of Scotland may well be proud of their eloquent son who died at forty-eight years of age in 1889.

X.

SHERIFF COLIN INKSTER.

While almost all of these notables described have passed away, there still remains the popular Sheriff of Manitoba, of Orkney and native blood, who is still actively performing the duties of his office. Born in Kildonan of The Old Red River Settlement he was on the formation of the province in 1870 appointed a member of the Legislative Council. On the Upper House of Manitoba being abolished by the Mackenzie Government at Ottawa the Hon. Colin Inkster was appointed High Sheriff and for forty-four years he has done his duty without shortcomings or criticism.

XI.

REVIEW.

It has been the good fortune of the writer to be a contemporary and to have acquaintance with almost all of the personalities that have been described since 1871. The scattered elements of early Manitoba have wonderfully coalesced. The heads of almost all of these native families who saw the transfer of their prairie homes to Canada have gone, but their descendants are to-day true and loyal Canadians.