

Charlton's home is at Lynedoch, where he has resided since commencing business there in 1853. In 1854 he married Miss Ella Gray, of Lynedoch, a native of Portage, N.Y.

### JOHN WALTER MURTON,

*Hamilton, Ont.*

IN the annals of the city of Hamilton, the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch, will long have a leading place. As a citizen of the state, as a business man, in all his relations, whether of a public or a private nature, his record is distinctively an honourable one, and has won for him the high estimation of his fellow-citizens. Mr. Murton is a descendant of an old English family. His father was born at Ashford, and his mother at Romney, both in the county of Kent. They were married in the old country and came to Canada in 1832, settling in Ancaster township, county of Wentworth, where, four years later, on July 2nd, John W. Murton was born. As he grew up, the youth had the advantage of a good education, receiving his tuition under such accomplished teachers as the late Dr. Tassie and Dr. Rea. Having a natural adaptability for commercial life, he went into business for himself in Hamilton as an exchange broker, in 1859, and during the years of the American civil war he operated largely and successfully. This occupation he followed until 1868, when he started in the coal trade, a branch of commerce in which his name is one of the best known in Western Canada, and which he is still carrying on. Outside of his business relations, Mr. Murton's name is most familiar in connection with the Masonic Craft, of which he is a most enthusiastic member. He joined the Order in September, 1857, and ever since he has taken a prominent part in matters associated with the mystic tie. His brethren have honoured him, but no more than he deserved. His record shows that he is a Past Master of St. John's (his mother lodge), Past Z. of St. John's Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Past Eminent Preceptor of Hamilton Priory of Knights Templars, past presiding officer of all the bodies of the A. and A. Scottish Rite, and at present Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the 33rd degree for the Dominion of Canada. In connection with the Scottish Rite, Mr. Murton can claim the honour of having been one of those who introduced it in Canada. He was leading spirit, and presided at the opening of nearly all the bodies connected with it from Montreal to Winnipeg. He is also Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland, one of the highest in Masonry, is a Past Grand Senior

Warden in the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M., Past Grand Treasurer, and Past District Superintendent of the Grand Chapter of Canada, R. A. M., honorary member of the Northern and Southern Supreme Councils of the 33rd degree, as well as of many subordinate lodges in Canada and the United States. Without dilating further, it may be said briefly that Hamilton is the leading Masonic city in the Dominion, and John W. Murton is one of the foremost members of the fraternity. In politics, Mr. Murton has always been a strong adherent of the Reform party, and for fourteen years he was chairman of the Hamilton board of license commissioners under the Ontario Government. In religion, he is a Protestant, and for the past thirty years has been prominently identified with the central Presbyterian church. Mr. Murton has been married twice—first to Miss Sophia M. Clark, daughter of the late William E. Clark, one of the pioneers of Hamilton, on September 22nd, 1858, and after her decease, to Miss Emily Roper, second daughter of the late John Henry Roper, of the same city. His family consists of five sons, all by his first wife. The senior members, Edwin, Charles and Percy, are actively engaged in business for themselves.

### WILLIAM HODGSON,

*Ottawa, Ont.*

WILLIAM HODGSON, Architect, is the eldest son of William and Deborah Hodgson. He was born at Wigton, near Carlisle, Cumberland, England, on February 11th, 1827. His father was a builder, and his mother's people were agriculturists. Their family consisted of seven children, four boys and three girls. William attended the parish school in his native place where he received a good education, and in 1840, having decided to adopt his father's trade, he engaged with him to receive the instruction and practice necessary to become proficient therein. In 1841 he accompanied the family on their removal to Canada. On arriving duly at Montreal the family proceeded to Kingston *via* the Rideau Canal, passing through Bytown, then a small settlement, giving little promise of the prosperous and populous Ottawa of to-day. From Kingston they took the steamer to Whitby, in which township a brother of his father had settled and was engaged in farming. After looking round for a short time, his father decided to locate in the village of Brooklin, where he started in the cabinet-making business, and remained there until his death in March, 1856. His mother died on the 9th of August, 1847. William remained with his father until he was twenty-two