

is president of the Hastings Loan and Investment Company. In religious faith he is a Methodist. In December 1857 he married the daughter of the late Jacob G. Moore, of Belleville and she died in April 1884.

His career has been long but as worthy as it has been lengthy. He has seen politicians, governments and organizations; rise, flourish and decay and through it all has stood at his post. His life has been a great one, great in length and influence, in legislative ability and power, in intellectual activity and in christian characteristics. What has been said about Mr. Gladstone will stand true in regard to Sir Mackenzie; "That we will never know how great he is while we are with him, after he is gone we shall discover his true and high position among the men of his generation."

Hon. Edward Gawler Prior.

We are pleased to be able to publish the portrait and a short biographical sketch of that thorough Britisher and statesman, Lt.-Col. Edward Gawler Prior, of Victoria, British Columbia.

Lt.-Col. Prior was born in Yorkshire, England, May 1853 and is the second son of the late Rev. Hy. Prior of that place. He was educated at the Leeds Grammar School and studied mining engineering at Wakefield. After coming to the British Columbia he held a position of mining engineer and surveyor for the Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Company, he was afterwards Government Inspector of mines and later Sheriff of Nanaimo. He is now and has been for years a successful iron and coal merchant in Victoria. He is a life member of the North of England institution and of the Mining and Civil Engineers. For many years Lt.-Col. Prior was identified with the military service of this country, joining the Nanaimo Rifles on the organization of the corps in 1874. He holds a first-class certificate of qualification from the Royal School of Artillery and was gazetted Lt.-Col. commanding the 6th British Columbia Regt. of Canadian Artillery July 1888. Resigning this command in 1896 he was transferred to the artillery reserve of officers, but in 1897 he was called back to his regiment. He has had the honor of holding the Vice-Presidency of the British Columbia Rifle Association and the Presidency of the Dominion Artillery Association. In 1890 he was in command of the Canadian Bisley Team and in 1897, on invitation, he took part in the military display in

connection with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in London, politically he is a Conservative and sat for the city of Victoria in the Legislature of British Columbia for two years, from 1886 to 1888. Since that time he has been one of the representatives of that city in the House of Commons. In 1889 he was given the position of extra A. D. C. to the Governor General. When Sir Mackenzie Bowell, on the death of Sir John Thompson, in 1895 formed a cabinet; Lt.-Col. Prior had a seat as Controller of Inland Revenue, but owing to the defeat of the conservatives in 1896 he and his colleagues resigned. As a private member he moved in 1893 and again in 1894 for the granting of adequate pensions to officers of the permanent militia force and others. In religion he is an Anglican. Lt.-Col. Prior was twice married, in 1878 he married Suzette the daughter of the late John Work and again in 1878. He belongs to the Sons of England Society being a member of Alexandr Lodge of Victoria.

He attended the last session of Grand Lodge held in Ottawa and is known to have the interest of Englishmen at heart. On many occasion he has ably assisted in benefiting our grand heritage. It is acknowledged by all that he is a man of striking versatility being eminent as a merchant, engineer, soldier, legislator and for other numerous qualifications; Lt.-Col. Prior is certainly a prominent Britisher and we trust he may long remain such.



HON. EDWARD GAWLER PRIOR.

boats of 1893 and 1894 attained a speed of 27 knots, and were heralded as marvels.

Gradually the pace in succeeding boats was increased, and Britain now has 48 torpedo boat destroyers that can travel at 30 knots an hour, or more, despite their armament of one 12-pounder and from three to five 3-pounder quick-firing guns, besides two tubes from which 18-inch Whitehead torpedoes can be fired. The turbine-driven destroyers now built are expected to do 40½ miles an hour.

It is announced that Mr. John Morley will move in the English House of Commons the rejection of the grant of £30,000 which it is proposed to vote to General Kitchener.

The Queen will start from Cimiez on her way home on May 2nd.

SWIFT TRAVELLING.

Six years ago there was not a single torpedo boat destroyer in the British fleet; now there are about 120, or three times as many as in all the other navies of the world: and last July it was decided to build 12 more. The