

talion; but on account of leaving limits, he was allowed to retire, retaining full rank as major. After returning from Red River he went into business with his brother John, but retired to enter the Ontario Bank, in the same town, in 1874. At the end of two years he was appointed accountant of the Oshawa branch of the Ontario Bank, from which position he was promoted to that of manager of the same bank at Port Perry, where he remained for six years. Since coming to Toronto, four years ago, Mr. McMurtry has held the important position of manager for Ontario for the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York. He is identified with some of the secret societies, being a member of Scugog Lodge, A.O.U.W., of Port Perry, and of Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 66, I.O.O.F., of Bowmanville. He has been identified with the latter since January, 1872. He has also been an active and prominent curler for the past twenty-five years, having assisted in the organization of the Oshawa and Port Perry clubs, though originally a member of the Bowmanville organization. He is now connected with the Granite Curling Club of this city, and was elected, at the last annual meeting, to the position of honorary secretary for 1891-92. Treading in his father's footsteps, though never very active in political affairs, Mr. McMurtry has always been thoroughly affiliated with the Liberal party. Like his parents, he is a Congregationalist in affinities and belief. He was married in Whitby, September 5th, 1872, to Miss Louisa Fothergill, daughter of George Fothergill, Esq., of the township of Pickering, who came to Canada when a small boy, from the Isle of Wight, in company with his parents, who, after moving around for a time, settled in the township mentioned. The result of this marriage has been nine children, three boys and six girls, two of whom, a boy and a girl, are dead. The names of those living are Dora Louisa, William Ernest, Constance Nevins, Gertrude Fothergill, Grace Muriel, Roy Fothergill, and Hope Fothergill McMurtry. All of those, except the latter, are attending school in Toronto. Mrs. McMurtry's grandfather, Chas. Fothergill, was quite a remarkable man, a lineal descendant of the Earls of Granard, Ireland, and Baron Forbes, one of the oldest Scottish peerages. He was quite prominent in politics, and for several years previous to the McKenzie rebellion, was King's printer. He was also celebrated as a naturalist, and wrote several standard works. This should create no surprise, for his immediate ancestors were quite literary in their tastes. His uncle, at one time governor of Dhuboy, India, was a voluminous writer and very clever artist. He was the author of no less than fifty volumes, imperial folio, beautifully illustrated by himself. Royalty smiled

approvingly, and scholars recognized his fine abilities to such an extent that, unsought, the titles F. R. S. and F. A. S. were conferred upon him.

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A FAMILIAR figure to parliamentarians and others, who from time to time visit the Dominion capital, is that of the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch, and who for a number of years past has filled a responsible position in connection with the library of the Dominion Parliament. Alfred Duclos De Celles, LL.D., was born at St. Laurent, near Montreal, August 15, 1844, and on the paternal side is descended from an old French-Canadian family. One of his ancestors was a captain in the French army present at the taking of Quebec by the English in 1759. He was also one of the council of war that signed the capitulation. Afterwards he settled permanently in Canada. The father of the subject of this biography (A. D. De Celles, Sr.) was a notary, and for many years practised his profession at St. Laurent. His mother, whose maiden name was Holmes, was a native of New Hampshire, and sister to Rev. John Holmes, a notable Roman Catholic priest in Quebec, and one of the founders of Laval University. Mr. De Celles received his early education at the Quebec Seminary, afterwards attending and studying law at Laval, where he graduated in Arts in 1866. It was some years later that he received from his alma mater the degree of LL.D. Mr. De Celles early developed a taste for journalism, and before completing his studies at the university he became editor of *Le Journal de Quebec* (1867), taking the place of the late Hon. Joseph Cauchon, then editor of the paper, during the latter's absence from Quebec. As Mr. Cauchon was at that time President of the Senate, the entire management of *Le Journal* practically devolved upon Mr. De Celles, and this position he continued to hold until 1872, when he joined the staff of *La Minerve*, Montreal, then the chief Conservative organ in Lower Canada. The great question in those days was the proposed construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and, as editor of *La Minerve*, Mr. De Celles rendered valuable service in support of the scheme. He remained in active connection with this paper until 1880, when he was appointed to the position of assistant librarian at Ottawa, and following this in 1885, on the death of the late Alpheus Todd, C.B., he was made one of the joint librarians of parliament, his associate being Mr. M. J. Griffin. On removing to Ottawa, Mr. De Celles