

Denver, he says :—" The doctor thinks I am getting along very well, as everyone coming from below must needs get accustomed to the altitude, 5,203 feet above sea level, and the rarefied air. Notwithstanding this height, Denver lies in a basin, or slight depression of the surrounding prairie. The Rocky mountains are around two sides of us, the west and south-west ; and we can see a range of one hundred and fifty miles, they say, on a clear day. A most magnificent scene it is. . . . This is a marvelous city for its age. They say that the most ancient native is only fourteen years old, and the population is claimed to be seventy thousand at least. The foundation of the city's wealth is the surrounding mines. The great smelting works are here, and the ores coming in, and the metals going out, form its trade, and the results are seen in all directions. Thousands of splendid residences, grand public buildings, fine shops of every sort, spacious churches, are to be seen here ; and there are doctors past enumeration, to attend to invalids from everywhere. I think I have met several dozens of invalids from Ontario already, (a great many are residents.) About half of the population came here, it is said, for health's sake, and finding they could live, remained, got into some business, and are now doing well. My doctor, an Ontarian, told me that about half the people are living on one lung, and that not very good ; yet they live, and enjoy life, too."

Sutherland, Hugh McKay, Winnipeg, M.P. for Selkirk, Manitoba, was born in New London, Prince Edward Island, on the 22nd February, 1843. His family had migrated to the island in 1816 from Sutherlandshire, Scotland, his father engaging in farming at New London. In 1849, however, Mr. Sutherland resolved to try his fortune in Upper Canada, a province which at that time was in high repute and making rapid strides in settlement. By boat and waggon he made his way to the County of Oxford, and there took up school teaching, which he followed for many years. The subject of this sketch resided likewise in Oxford, and married, on the 10th February, 1864, Mary, daughter of Alexander Dickie, of Brant, Ontario ; but this lady died on the 11th of October, 1875. He married again, on the 10th December, 1878, May, daughter of the Hon. R. T. Banks, of Baltimore, U.S. In 1868 he removed to Orillia, Co. Simcoe, and carried on extensive lumbering operations until 1873, in which year he went to the North-West, and became

superintendent of Dominion Government Public Works until 1873. In this year the great Canadian North-West was holding out strong inducement to capital and enterprise, and our subject resolved to remain in the country, taking up his abode in Winnipeg. Here he engaged in a number of enterprises, having accumulated considerable capital in the east, but he chiefly concerned himself in lumber operations, into which he entered upon an extensive scale. Mr. Sutherland has all the wise caution of his countrymen, but he has also a spirit of the most active enterprise ; and added to these two excellent qualities, he has splendid business ability. It is not to be wondered at that a generous measure of success waited upon his undertakings. He next began to give considerable attention to politics, and the people in the prairie province saw in him all the requisites of an excellent representative. What he has achieved in commerce will be understood when we state that he is president of the Winnipeg & Hudson's Bay Railway Company, and is one of its chief promoters, and has already spent much time and capital in developing it. He was one of the original promoters, and became vice-president of the Manitoba South Western Railway, the first local railway in Manitoba ; he was the first to bring the extensive coal fields of the North-West into prominence, by developing the Souris coal mine in 1879, and floating coal down in barges 900 miles by water to Winnipeg ; he is president of the British and North-West Colonization Company ; president of the Prince Albert Colonization Company ; and he is president of the Rainy Lake Lumber Company. He was an unsuccessful candidate for East Simcoe in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in 1875, but was returned to the Dominion parliament for Selkirk at the last general election. He is an extremely useful member of the House, and his judgment is held in high respect. He is a member of the English church.

Birrell, George S., London.—The subject of this sketch was born in the City of London, Ontario, in 1842, and is the eldest son of the late John Birrell, founder of the well-known wholesale dry goods house of John Birrell & Co., in that city. On the death of his father, in 1875, George became the head of the firm, and has by his excellent management and business thrift, maintained and enlarged its connections, until it is now one of the largest and most successfully conducted and pushing houses in