

### Bro. Rev. James Cregan, H.C.R., Ireland.

When the Rev. W. J. McCaughan, who was the H.C.R. of Ireland, received and accepted a hearty invitation to St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, the Rev. James Cregan was appointed to succeed him as H.C.R. of Ireland, and he has done so with great ability and energy. Bro. Cregan is a native of Hillsboro, Co. Down, where he was born in 1857. At the age of 20 he entered Hawley College, London, to prepare for the ministry, and at the age of 24, in the year 1882, he received and accepted an invitation to become pastor of the Congregational Church at Albert Bridge, Belfast, where he has ministered with great success ever since. He has received many calls to other spheres, but he has remained in Belfast loyally devoted to his first choice.

Bro. Cregan has been a most successful minister. He is an earnest temperance reformer, an



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eloquent preacher, and a popular lecturer. He is associated with many of the religious and philanthropic institutions in the city of Belfast. He is secretary of the Irish Congregational Union and editor of the *Irish Congregational Magazine*, which position he has held for ten years. When the Independent Order of Foresters came to Ireland he became a member, and since that time he has with pen and tongue eloquently advocated its claims. Our Order has no more earnest and enthusiastic advocate than he is. Some weeks ago he paid a visit to Cork and addressed a crowded meeting in the interests of the I.O.F., with the result that a new court was the outcome of the meeting. Many of our readers in Canada and America will see him in August, as he is the Irish representative to the Supreme Court. With such men as Bro. Cregan and many like him connected with Independent Forestry, the Order has a splendid future before it in the Emerald Isle.

### The Hon. George Forbes, of P.E.I.

Hon. George Forbes, a member of Court Balnagowan, Vernon River Bridge, was born at Marshfield, near Charlottetown, P.E.I., in December, 1840. He is the youngest son of the late Malcolm Forbes, Esq., who represented the Fortagus District in the Local Legislature of the Island.

The grandfather of the subject of this sketch emigrated to Canada from Perthshire, Scotland, when his only son Malcolm was five years old.

After farming for some years in Marshfield they moved to Vernon River Bridge, where our brother was educated in the public school.

At the age of seventeen he began his apprenticeship to the mercantile business, and at the age of twenty-four he began business as a general merchant under his own name. Small at first, but by close attention to the wants of the people and the strictest honesty, one of the largest county stores of the Island bears the name of George Forbes.

He was first elected to the Provincial House of Assembly in 1886, as a supporter of the Liberal party, by a majority of 125 over Hon. Alexander Martin, M.P., one of the ablest and most popular men in public life. He was re-elected in 1890 over Mr. Martin by a majority of 36.

After the amalgamation of the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council he was elected as a Councillor in 1883 by a majority of 50, and re-elected in 1887 by a majority of 82. He became a member of the Government in April, 1893, and remained a member until a change took place in October last by the resignation of the premier, the Hon. F. Peters. Bro. Forbes then resigned his place in the Government to his colleague, the Hon. H. C. McDonald, who was appointed Attorney-General.

Besides carrying on a large mercantile establishment Bro. Forbes owns and successfully cultivates a large farm.

He was married in 1876 to Jessie Isabel Stewart, daughter of the late John Stewart, Esq., Hillsborough River, P.E.I., and sister of the late Bro. Daniel Stewart, Past High Chief Ranger of the High Court of P.E.I.

Bro. Forbes joined the Order in April, 1896, he and his only son, Wilfrid M., now in McGill College, being charter members of Court Balnagrove. He is a member of the Baptist Church. We wish for our brother and his estimable wife and also for their son many years of prosperity and happiness.

### Lieut-Col. Parker and the Gallant Northwesterners.

The crowds that have witnessed their parades on Marion Square declare that they have never seen a finer looking body of men than the 3rd Wisconsin regiment, and the compliment is as richly deserved as ever one was. With few exceptions the men of the 3rd were members of the National Guard when the call for volunteers was issued, and it is to its credit to say that they left very few of the members of the old organization behind. These men are from away up in the lumber districts of Wisconsin, where the thermometer goes down to 30 degrees below zero, as a rule, and exposure to the hardships of that rigorous climate has hardened and developed them into the most splendid specimens of physical manhood that anyone could desire to see. As to their origin, they are much