

*The Canadian Craftsman.**Port Hope, September 15, 1884.***M. W. BRO. HUGH MURRAY, M. W.
GRAND MASTER OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF
CANADA.**

The subject of our sketch was born in Paisley, Scotland, in 1849, and consequently is only now in his forty-second year. In 1860, he came to this country, and in course of time entered into mercantile pursuits. In 1878 he contested the city of Hamilton in the Conservative interest, but was defeated. He subsequently entered the civil service, and at the present time occupies a position in the Customs in the "ambitious City," where he has for the past 23 years, resided.

In 1868, he sought "light" in Acacia Lodge, No. 61, G. R. C., and during the year received the degrees. In 1869, he was elected Secretary in 1870, Warden, and was Worshipful Master for 1871 and '72. He still retains his connection with his mother lodge, being a life member of the same.

In 1874, in order to revive an interest in Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, G. R. C., Stoney Creek, which was then in a very poor condition, he, with some others, affiliated, and for the five succeeding years was regularly elected Worshipful Master of the same. It is quite unnecessary to add that under his supervision and careful guidance the funds of the lodge were nursed, and its membership steadily increased.

Bro. Murray is also a charter and life member of Temple Lodge, No. 324, G. R. C., Hamilton, and in order

to assist in the establishment of Doric Lodge, No. 382, G. R. C., in that city, he duly joined that body, and remained a member until its success was assured.

In 1877, our distinguished brother visited Scotland, and on attending the lodge of his native place (Paisley) he was duly elected an honorary member of St. Mirrens' Lodge of that place.

But although Bro. Murray has taken such an active part in Symbolic Masonry, and more particularly identified himself with its prosperity and interests, he has found time to penetrate the mysteries of the Royal Arch and Templar bodies, besides receiving the highest honors in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Royal Order of Scotland. He received the degrees of Capitular Masonry in St. John's Chapter, No. 6, G. R. C., and the grades of the Temple and Malta in Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory at Hamilton. He is also a member of Murton Lodge of Perfection, Hamilton, Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix, and Moore Sovereign Consistory, of the same city, in each of which bodies he has held office. In 1876, he was selected and elected to the office of Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, 33°, and is at present Deputy for the Province of Ontario. In 1875, he received the degrees of the Royal Order of Scotland, and is Provincial Grand Secretary for the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

We will now, however, briefly allude to his Masonic career in Grand Lodge, which is, of course, the feature of principal interest to the craft in general. When the Grand Lodge