

and two daughters. Mr. Morgan has taken a very active part in municipal business. In 1881, he was elected an alderman, and has held that position ever since. When the new board of health was formed for the City of Hamilton, he was elected chairman, and held that position for two years. During his chairmanship, he introduced, and had carried out, several improvements in the sanitary departments of the city. He introduced the measure for scavenging of the city, and had a furnace built to cremate all animals that die in the city, and also the offensive garbage; and he likewise introduced the system of house to house inspection. He received the warmest praise from the people and the city press, for the able and painstaking manner in which he carried out his duties. He was appointed on the board of health in 1885, but declined taking the chairmanship. Mr. Morgan is a member of the English church, and is zealous for the welfare of that body. He has in his possession one of the oldest relics in America. It is a stained glass window from one of the old abbey churches in England, and brought to this country by Dr. Bird. It is over a thousand years old.

Shanley, James, Q.C., London, Ontario, was born at the family seat, "The Abbey," Stradalby, Queen's County, Ireland, and is a son of the late James Shanley, a member of the Irish bar, who emigrated to Canada about the time of the rebellion, settling in the County of Middlesex, Ontario. The family is ancient, and has been prominent for many centuries in the County of Leitrim; but the late James Shanley, possessed of the spirit of emigration, which had pervaded the sister isles, resolved to try his fortunes in Canada. [For further particulars respecting the lineage of this family see "O'Hart's Irish Pedigrees," and "King James' Irish Army List."] Speaking of the sons of the late James Shanley, the author of the "Irishman in Canada" says:—"The sons of this gentlemen are men of whom the Irish people may be very proud; their integrity and fine sense of honour would mark them out in a community where sharpness had not begun to take hold. I have never met these gentlemen, but I have heard much of their singularly high standpoint in regard to whatever they busy themselves with; a great deal, which implies not merely that sense of honour which would feel a stain like a wound, but a goodness of heart which at the present day is only too rare. The Shanley family is an old Celtic one which

has been known for centuries in the County Leitrim, and the family characteristics are traceable to the proud, kindly Celtic blood." James Shanley, the subject of this sketch, is a brother of Walter Shanley, M.P. for South Grenville, a memoir of whom see on page 617 of this volume.

Oxley, James Macdonald, LL.B., B.A., Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, was born at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on October 22nd, 1856. His father, James Black Oxley, came from a Yorkshire family which settled in Cumberland county, Nova Scotia, in the latter part of last century, and his mother Ellen (Macdonald) Oxley, from a Scotch family, resident in Antigonish county. His ancestors, on both sides, were occupied in agricultural pursuits; but his father engaged in business in Halifax, and was long one of the best known merchants in that city, being extensively interested in insurance, mining and other important industrial enterprises. J. Macdonald Oxley, his second son, was educated successively at the Halifax Grammar school, at Dalhousie University (where after a successful curriculum he graduated B.A. in 1874 with honours in mental and moral philosophy), and at Harvard University, where he took a partial course in law during 1876-77. In 1878 he obtained, by examination, the degree of LL.B. from the Halifax University. While at Dalhousie University Mr. Oxley may be said to have begun his literary career by acting as assistant editor to the *Dalhousie Gazette*, and contributing frequently to its columns. Taking up the study of law in 1874, he was admitted to the Nova Scotia bar in 1878, having in the meanwhile been a constant contributor to the daily press on miscellaneous subjects; and for some months a leader writer on the *Morning Herald*. He practised law in Halifax from 1879 to 1883, and during this time was joint editor of a series of "Nova Scotia Decisions," in three volumes, published by A. & N. McKinlay, Halifax; and sole editor of "Young's Admiralty Decisions," published by Carswell & Co., Toronto. He also translated Eugene Sue's "L'Orgueil," which was published in the "Seaside Library," No. 1590, as "Pride, or the Duchess," and cordially praised for its ease and accuracy. He also acted as one of the official reporters of the House of Assembly during the sessions of 1881-82-83. In April, 1873, he was appointed to the position in the department of Marine at Ottawa, which he now holds, and since then has by his assiduous attention to literature, in his leisure