

St. James's Ward in the City Council, and having always taken a strong interest in educational matters, he was repeatedly elected on the Board of Trustees of the High School. He occupied the important position of manager of the North British-Canadian Investment Company, and the Scottish-Ontario & Manitoba Land Company. Mr. Scarth had been an extensive traveller, and was thoroughly familiar with every part of the United States, and, even at that early date, with the Canadian North-West. When, therefore, Winnipeg began to come into prominence, Mr. Scarth decided to remove to this rising town, in whose future he had the strongest belief. In 1884 he took up his residence in the capital of the prairie province, where he became manager of the Canadian North-West Land Company, and secretary and

director of the North British-Canadian Investment Co. He at once showed his belief in the future of the place by investing, though not injudiciously. He early came to the front and was soon regarded as one of the most enterprising and patriotic of Winnipeg's citizens. In 1887 he was elected to represent his adopted city in the Canadian House of Commons, but after two sessions he found that his private business demanded his entire attention, and he resigned. Since that time he has not taken any active part in political affairs, though his interest has not diminished. Mr. Scarth is a Presbyterian in religion. In 1869, he married Jessie Stewart Franklin, daughter of the late Dr. John Macaulay Hamilton, R. N., a native of Stromness, Orkney, and a cousin of the great historian, Lord Macaulay.

