

all settled in Chatham, the town in which they were born.

Ruttan, Allen, M.D., Napanee, Ontario, was born on the 26th January, 1826, at Adolphustown, County of Lennox, Ontario. He is a son of Peter William Ruttan and Fanny Roblin. His father carried on extensive farming operations at Sophiasburg, County of Prince Edward; was a justice of the peace; and for many years before his decease a lieutenant-colonel of militia in that county. He was the eldest brother of the late Sheriff Ruttan, of Cobourg. He had but one sister, Elizabeth, wife of the Rev. Dr. Townley, of Paris, Ontario. Allen Ruttan was educated at the Picton Grammar school, in the County of Prince Edward, Mr. Cockrell, an Eton man, and a retired officer in the English army, being head master of the school. After matriculating at McGill College, Montreal, our subject entered upon the study of medicine at that institution, and obtained the degree of doctor of medicine and surgery in 1852. He began practice in Newburgh, a village in Addington county, situated on the Napanee river, and about six miles from Napanee. Newburgh at that time was considered a more promising village than Napanee; but at the separation of Lennox and Addington from the County of Frontenac, Napanee was made the county town of the new county. He then removed to the premises which he now occupies on John street. During the past thirty-three years Dr. Ruttan has had an extensive and lucrative practice over a district thirty or forty miles square. Thirty years ago the roads in this country were in a horribly wretched condition, and the people, especially those of the back townships, were less prosperous than they are at present. Very frequently he found it necessary to ride all night, placing a saddle in the gig, and after travelling as far as he could go on wheels, would take to horseback, and when the horse could no longer find a road, he would travel on foot, following a trail through the wilderness with a birch-bark torchlight, in order to relieve from suffering the wife of some lonely settler, or to amputate a limb for some woodman, with no other assistance than the hand of some kindly neighbour. There was no Grand Trunk then, and no Napanee and Quebec Railway, as now. The forest has disappeared, and flourishing farms and farm houses are to be seen everywhere, while the roads are better in these back townships than they are at the front. Dr. Ruttan has always been passionately

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fond of his profession, and took great delight in the study of anatomy, physiology, surgery and chemistry. Indeed, he has regretted all his life that he did not remain in Montreal; as it would have afforded him a better opportunity for the prosecution of these studies and the practice of surgery, which he has almost made a specialty. He was appointed examiner in anatomy and surgery at the University of Toronto in 1860; and was elected unanimously by the medical practitioners in the Newcastle and Trent electoral division to the council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario, 1885. He has always taken an active part in municipal matters, school boards, and boards of health; is medical health officer at Napanee, and held the appointment of gaol surgeon since 1876. Himself, his wife and family are regular communicants of the Church of England, and Liberal-Conservative in politics. Dr. Ruttan was married, at St. George's church, Montreal, in 1854, by the Rev. Dr. Bethune, brother of the late bishop, the register being the cathedral register where Dr. Bethune officiated. His wife is Caroline, daughter of the late William Smith, Montreal, whose father and grandfather were interested in, or in some way connected with, the Hudson Bay Company. There are three sons and two daughters by the marriage. The eldest, Robert Fulford, was educated at University College, and graduated in arts at the University of Toronto in 1881, and obtained the gold medal in natural sciences at his final examination. He entered upon the study of medicine at McGill College the same year, obtained the Sutherland gold medal and the Morrice scholarship in 1883, and his degree of M.D. & C. in 1884. He was appointed assistant lecturer upon principle and practical chemistry in that college in 1885. During the past interim he has been engaged in original work in Professor Hofmann's laboratory, Berlin, Germany. The second son, Allen Montgomery, was educated at the Napanee High school, and entered upon the study of medicine at McGill College in 1876, where he obtained his degree of M.D. & C., 1880. He is practising his profession in New York city. The third son was also educated at Napanee High school; entered upon the study of law with Reeve & Morden, Napanee, and McCarthy & Co., Toronto; and passed his examination at Osgoode Hall for attorney and barrister in 1883. He is now practising his profession with John Leys, barrister, Toronto.