

Oshawa, remaining in that service for eight years. He was also in the saw mill business for three years in the town of Dundark in the county of Dufferin, after which he took charge of a boiler shop at Shatford, where he remained for two years. Thence he came to Welland and is now employed as foreman of the boiler shop and shipyard for the Beatty Manufacturing Company.

In 1904, 5 and 6 Mr. Dickie was a member of the council and is interested in community affairs to the extent of giving hearty aid and co-operation to many movements for the public good whether of a public or private nature. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Knights of the Maccabees, while of the Methodist Church he is also a member. He married Miss Edith Erux, a daughter of Nicholas Erux of the county of Hastings in the town of Belleville, and they became the parents of five children: Harry, Melrose, Arthur, Marjorie and Donald.

#### JAMES ALEXANDER COWPER, M.D.

Dr. James Alexander Cowper, general medical practitioner now connected with the Welland General Hospital, was born at Owen Sound, May 19, 1866. His father, George C. Cowper, came from Scotland and settled in Owen Sound as editor of the Owen Sound *Advertiser*. For a number of years he was thus associated with journalistic interests, after which he came to Welland, where he lived retired until called to his final rest at the age of seventy-eight years. In early manhood he wedded Jessie Dalzier, a daughter of the late John Dalzier, the first wholesale linen merchant of Scotland.

Dr. Cowper is indebted to the schools of his native city for his early education. He afterward attended the high school at Welland and, regarding his more specifically literary education as completed at the age of fifteen years, he then entered upon an apprenticeship to the drug trade in Welland under J. H. Burgar, who is now police magistrate and city treasurer. Dr. Cowper was graduated in pharmacy in 1886 and the following year took up the study of medicine in the University of Toronto, where he pursued a thorough and complete course, being graduated from that institution in 1892 with the degree of M.B., while in the same year Victoria College con-