

right of his old newspaper, the *Belleville Intelligencer*. During the Parliamentary session, 1897, he declared himself perfectly ind. of all party leadership. He is Presdt. of the Hastings Loan and Invest. Co. In religious faith, he is a Meth. He m. Dec., 1857, Harriet Louisa, eld. dau. of the late Jacob G. Moore, of Belleville (she d. Apl., 1884).—*Belleville, Ont.*; *Rideau Club*; *Albany Club*.

"An honest man, but a weak man; also a vain man, and lacking in courage."—*W. F. MacLean, M.P.*

"An irascible old gentleman, who despite his long political experience, works himself into a white heat on very slight provocation."—*Herald*.

**BOWERS P. R.**, journalist, was b. in Irel., 1844. Coming to P. E. I. when young, he was ed. under the late John Le Page and at St. Dunstan's Coll., Charlottetown. At 18 he became Secy. of the Lib. Reform Assn., and 4 yrs. later drifted into journalism by becoming an ed. contributor to the *Examiner*, of which paper he was afterwards ed. and prop. He also published and edited *The New Era*. In 1886 he went to Nfd. to manage and edit the *Daily Colonist*, and he has been on the press of that colony ever since. Mr. B. has led an active public career, and has filled many offices, political and otherwise, including the Queen's Printership of P. E. I., and the Secretaryship of the Central Council of the Cath. Total Abstinence Union of that colony. In 1890 he was one of the delegates sent from Nfd. to Can. on the French shore question. He has published a biography of the Hon. Edward Whelan (1868), and an essay on "The Principles and Policy of True Liberalism" (1887). Politically, he is a Lib.; in religion, a R. C.—*St. John's, Nfd.*

**BOWMAN, Isaac Erb**, legislator, is the s. of John B. Bowman, who removed from Penn. to Ont., 1820, by Lydia Erb, his wife. B. in Woolwich, Waterloo, Ont., 1832, he was ed. at the Rockwood Acad., and became clk. and treas. of the tp. of

Woolwich. In 1864 he was returned to Parl. in the Lib. interest, for North Waterloo, and continued to represent the riding in the Ho. of Commons after Confederation until g. e., 1878, when defeated. At the g. e. 1882, he was again returned, and sat until the close of the 7th Parl., 1896. Mr. B. has been Presdt. of the Ont. Mutual Life Assur. Co. continuously since 1870, and of the Mercantile Fire Ins. Co. since 1876. He m. 1861, Lydia, dau. of J. Bowman.—*Waterloo, Ont.*

**BOWRING, William Benjamin**, merchant, is the s. of the late T. C. Bowring, and grands. of Benj. Bowring, both of whom were prominently associated with commerce and politics in Liverpool, Eng. B. in St. John's, Nfd., 1834, he went to Liverpool early in life with his father, and received his education there and at Birmingham. On its completion he returned to Nfd. and went into business. He next went to N. Y., and while there, founded the N. Y. branch of his father's house under the firm name of Bowring & Archibald. After 7 yrs. he returned to Liverpool, where he has since resided. He joined the head office in that city, and is now the senior partner in the important shipping firm bearing his name, having branches in London, Cardiff, St. John's and N. Y., as well as business ramifications extending over North Am., Russia, and other portions of Europe. It is one of the leading houses in the oil trade. He entered the Liverpool City Council, 1884, being elected for St. Peter's ward, and was subsequently twice returned unopposed. In the Council his business and personal popularity speedily brought him to the front. He was elected an ald. 1892, and apptd. Chairman of the Finance and Estate Comte., an office regarded as the premiership of the civic body. During Mr. B.'s official term, in addition to the initiation of other financial measures, the important Act relative to the conversion of the city debt was passed.