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The British premier, in his speech, said there was no use talking of self-determination for Ireland since those who supported it must go the full length of granting an Irish republic. Mrs. Josephine Helen Lott, widow of William Lott, who died at Belleville, on Saturday, was the mother of Aubrey L. Lott, Gananoque.

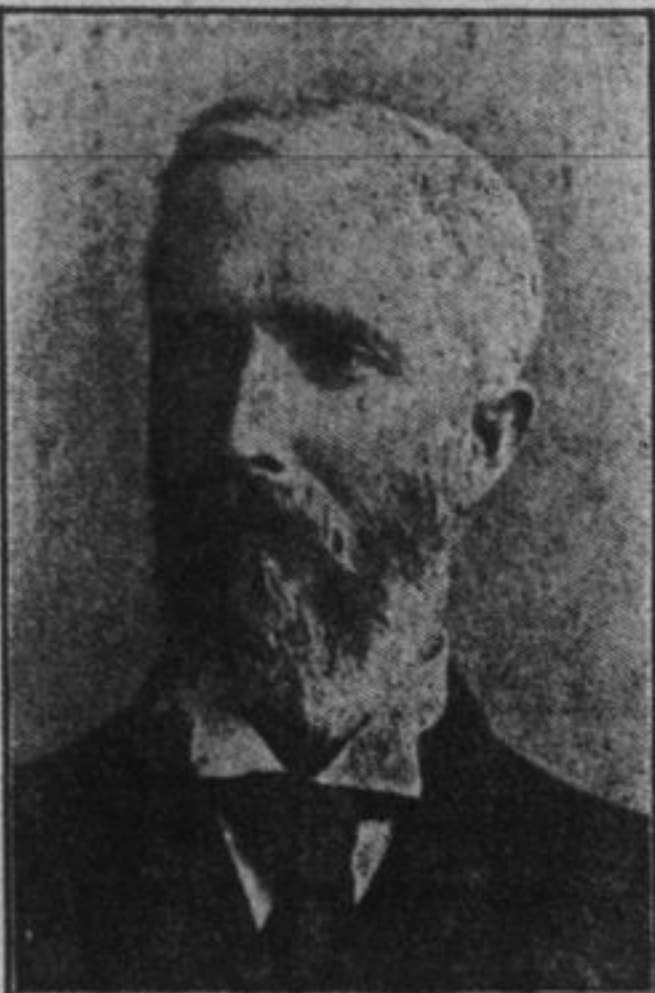
Famous Kingstonians Abroad

Kingston Men Who Left Home To Gain Fame

No. 21.

HON. SAMUEL BARKER,
Lawyer and Legislator.
The Hon. Samuel Barker is one of Kingston's many famous men who have climbed the ladder by means of the legal profession. He was born in this city on May 25th, 1839, and although he lived here only a few years, he is rightfully entitled to a place in the roll of Kingston men who have become prominent in some sphere of business or public life. His father was William Barker, who had been mayor of London, and his mother was Anne (McLaughlin) Barker. On his father's side he was of English descent, and Irish blood came to him from his mother, so that the combination was a happy one. After having his preliminary education in

man of experience in business life as well as in law, he established his right to be regarded as one of the coming men in public life, and he made his first venture into federal politics by standing as Conservative candidate for Hamilton. He had previously been the president of the Hamilton Liberal-Conservative Club, and of the Conservative District Association, but in the first attempt he was defeated after a close fight. This was in 1896. Four years later he again entered the field, and was this time successful, being elected to the House of Commons as member for Hamilton in 1900. On the redistribution of seats for the 1904 election, he was again elected as member for East Hamilton, and was re-elected in 1908 and 1911. He was thus a member of the house for over seventeen years, and was looked upon as one of the ablest statesmen and politicians in Canada. During the long term of office prior to the 1917 election, he did particularly good work, and was appointed to the Privy Council.



HON. SAMUEL BARKER

local schools, the family again moved to London, Ontario, and Samuel spent the rest of his educational period in the London Grammar School, finishing up by passing through the Royal Military School in 1865.

He chose law as his profession, and after being called to the bar, he practised for several years in London, Ontario. During that period he was elected alderman of that city, and promised to emulate his father's example by occupying the mayor's chair, but he removed to Hamilton before that ambition was realized. He was, however, for some time chairman of the finance committee of the London Council. He also acted as the inspector for the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company.

In 1872 Samuel Barker removed to Hamilton, and became solicitor and general counsel for the Great Western Railway Company of Canada. He occupied this position for ten years, and then became general manager for the Northern and North-Western Railway Company. Both of these roads were later absorbed by the Grand Trunk Railway system. He was in this latter position until 1888, when the merger took place, and he then passed into private practice for a period. He carried on very successfully in legal work, specializing in railway and corporation cases. In 1890 he was selected as arbitrator in the dispute between the City of Toronto and the Toronto Street Railway Company, a dispute which was long and very bitter, but which he was able to settle to the satisfaction of both parties. In 1895 he was selected by both directors and malcontent proprietors of the Grand Trunk Railway in England to examine and analyze the accounts of that company in Canada, and carried that task on to a successful conclusion.

Samuel Barker came into greatest prominence in the political field. A hard student and close reasoner, a

In 1917, when the Union Government was formed and an election was held, he found that his advancing years made it hard for him to continue his service to the country. He, therefore, retired from public life, leaving his seat open for the Hon. S. C. Mewburn, who was Minister of Militia and Defence in the Union Government until he recently resigned his appointment.

Mr. Barker has had a very busy life, and has had many active business connections, which he still holds. He has been president of the St. Louis, Kansas and South-Western Railroad, and directors of the John Abell Engine and Machine Company, the Union Trust Company, Landed Loan and Banking Company, Hamilton, and of the Union Bank. He was for many years president of the Muskoka and Georgian Bay Navigation Company, and his interests were many and varied.

His public works were also worthy of note, for he took a keen interest in the well-being of his constituents and fellow-citizens, and was at all times eager to promote their welfare. He is a director of the Hamilton Health Association, and takes active part in its work. Ever since going to Hamilton in 1873 he has been active in the work of the Board of Trade, and was president in 1898 and 1899. Later he was elected to the vice-presidency of the Dominion Board of Trade. He is a director of the Hamilton Jockey Club, and served a term as president of the St. George's Society of Hamilton. In 1903 he was a delegate to the 5th Commercial Congress of the British Empire, held in London, England. A year before that he had been in London, and was present at the coronation of King Edward VII.

The Hon. Samuel Barker has been twice married: His first partner was Miss Isabella Cruickshank, daughter of John and Catherine Cruickshank, of London, Ontario. Following her death, he married her sister, Helen, and the union has been a very happy one.

As his parliamentary service indicates, he was a staunch Conservative of the old school, and served his party faithfully and well. In religion he is an Anglican. He is a member of the Hamilton Club, of which he is chairman, of the Albany Club, Toronto, and the Rideau Club, Ottawa. Although he is now eighty-one years of age, he is lithe and active. He has a commanding personality, with clear, vivid eyes, and a keen expression. The press of Canada has at various times eulogized him for his splendid abilities as a statesman and lawyer, and it is safe to say that he is one of the most respected and revered of the long list of Kingstonians who have risen to fame in other parts of the world.

PROPOSITION IS MADE

To Get Kingston, Brockville, Gananoque and Ogdensburg in League.

A proposition has been made by Brockville to form an amateur baseball league, consisting of two teams from Kingston, one from Gananoque, one from Ogdensburg, and one from Brockville, five teams in all.

There will be a meeting at Brockville on Saturday "Stan" Trotter has been invited to attend, but it was not known today, whether Kingston Gananoque is holding a meeting on Thursday to talk over baseball prospects.

Harbor Ice Gets a Shaking.

On Wednesday night the heavy rain and wind gave the ice in the harbor a bad shaking up. On Thursday morning there was lots of open water. It is not likely that the steamer Wolfe Islander will commence running for a few days as the ice close to the wharf is still very firm.

KINGSTON EVENTS

25 YEARS AGO.

The schooner Queen of the Lakes is being fitted out for the coal trade on the lakes.

The police are having a great time rounding up tramps. The city is filled with them.

Johnson Brown in the recent election waded the price of a necktie with William Robinson, Jr., that Hon. William Harty would be defeated. To-day Mr. Brown presented Mr. Robinson with a necktie sprinkled with green dots.

John McKay will take part in the bicycle races this summer.

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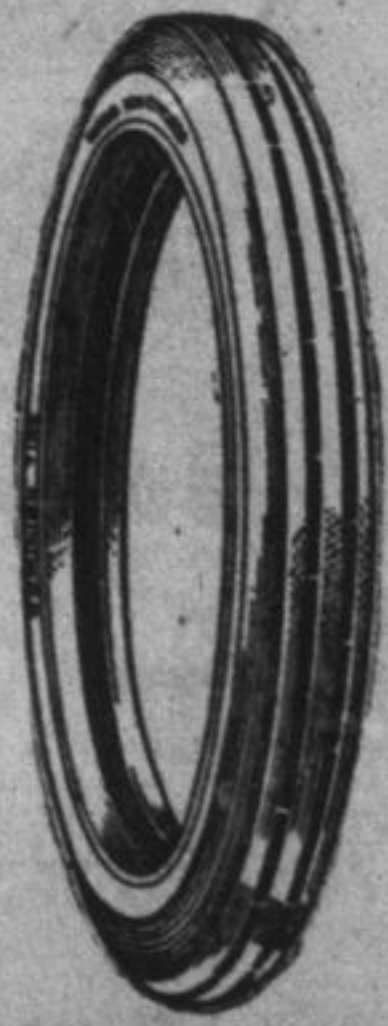
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