Edward Henry George Gunther Hay, M.L.A. was born in Hull, Yorkshire, March 11, 1840. He married Frances Gibson, daughter of Hugh Gibson and Angelique Chalifoux, they had five children. He left home at the age of 13, followed the machinist's trade for a few years, and in 1858 went to New York. In 1860 he arrived in Georgetown (Moorhead) and helped in construction of the Steamer International on the Red River. In 1863 he moved to Fort Garry and built his own mill at St. Andrew's, where he continued operations until 1881. He was a member for St. Andrew's South (Liberal) in the Manitoba Legislature of 1870. He was defeated in 1874 by the Hon. John Norquay, but was re-elected in 1879 as a member for St. Clement's. He moved to Portage La Prairie, erecting a foundry, which he operated until 1893. In 1889 he was made a Police Magistrate and in 1900 he was appointed Clerk of the Works at St. Andrew's Lock by the Dominion Government. He retired in 1911 and died at Lockport, November 25, 1918.