

years, then resuming his practice in partnership with C. T. Meyer, son of the judge, under the firm name of Meyer & Piero. In April, 1881, Mr. Piero was elected mayor of Canton and served two terms, until April, 1885. Since that time Mr. Piero has practiced alone. He has always transacted a large general business, and has appeared in many of the most important cases passed upon by the State and Federal courts of Ohio, with marked results as to honorable success. He holds membership in the Stark County Bar Association, and is one of its most honored and valued members. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, and to St. John's Roman Catholic Church of Canton. Mr. Piero was first elected mayor of Canton in 1881, and so ably administered the affairs of the city that in 1883 he was reelected, and his terms of office have since served as examples to be followed by succeeding incumbents.

On December 20, 1883, Mr. Piero was united in marriage with Miss Minnie T. Tyler, who was born at Newport, Kentucky, daughter of Dominic and Catherine Tyler, who came to Canton when Mrs. Piero was a child.

R. VERNE MITCHELL. A member of that class of workers whose practical education, quick perceptions and great capacity for pains-taking industry have advanced them to positions of business prominence formerly occupied only by men many years their seniors, R. Verne Mitchell, while representing the progressive and vigorous present of the Central West, gives promise also of participating in its still more enlightened future. Still a young man, his career has embraced a wide variety of experiences, as well as activities in business and professional life, and the present writing finds him firmly entrenched as one of the substantial business men of Canton, where he is secretary and manager of the United Security Company.

Mr. Mitchell was born at Rapids, on Tonawanda Creek, near Lockport, Niagara County, New York, July 12, 1885, and is a son of Almer W. and Alma (Utley) Mitchell, natives of the same place. About the year 1895 the family removed to Buffalo, New York, where the father was engaged in the commission business for a number of years, and where he is now living a retired life. The early education of R. Verne Mitchell came from the public schools of Rapids and Buffalo, New York, and in 1904 he was graduated from the Buffalo High School. Following this, he entered Cornell University, an institution from which he was graduated in law with the class of 1907 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. During the same year in which he graduated, Mr. Mitchell journeyed to Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, where he was employed in the offices of the attorneys for large sugar corporations. After one year spent in Honolulu, Mr. Mitchell returned to the United States and settled at Buffalo, New York, where for 1½ years he was associated with his father in the commission business. Mr. Mitchell began his connection with the insurance business in 1910, when he went to Hartford, Connecticut, and began to learn the business at the home office of the Travelers Insurance Company. He was identified with that concern until 1911, when he came to Canton and became identified with