

eloquence won the warmest applause and placed him in the front rank of the speakers of the House.

He is a member of committee on militia, chairman of committee on contingent fund, member of committee on corporations.

Frank Porter.

Frank Porter, Republican, was born July 2nd, 1866, on a farm on one of the highest spurs of the Alleghany mountains, in Western Maryland. His parents were Wm. E. and Elizabeth Porter. He was the youngest of a family which consisted of father, mother and two sons. Belonging to one of the oldest families in Western Maryland, and one in which the "abolition" sentiment was very pronounced, he was placed at a great disadvantage in acquiring even a rudimental education; never seeing the inside of a school house until twelve years of age, and then could only be spared from the farm during the inclement winter months. The young school-boy had to walk six (6) miles a day over mountain roads when he did attend school. He has a love for good reading and study. Mr. Porter has always taken an active interest in local politics and local reforms. He came before the people of his county last fall for the first time as a seeker after political honors, and was elected over his Democratic opponent by nearly 1,600 majority. He is a faithful admirer and supporter of United States Senator-elect George L. Wellington. Mr. Porter was married June 30th, 1892, to Jean Williamson, of Eckhart Mines. He has one child, a daughter.

He is a member of the committee on roads and highways and on agriculture, member of committee on expiring laws, member of committee on amendments to the Constitution, member of committee on library.

David Robertson.

David Robertson, of the House of Delegates, was born in Scotland in 1834.

When nine years of age, he went to work in the mines of his native country. He continued to mine coal in Scotland until 1865, when he came to the United States and settled at Ocean, in Alleghany county. He went to work in the mines there, where he has been employed ever since. Mr. Robertson raised a large family. He has five sons engaged at various occupations in Alleghany county.

Mr. Robertson has been trustee for several terms in the public schools of his county, and was road supervisor of his district for six years. His effort in his last office was to keep in good repair