



JAMES E. MULLIGAN,
Supervisor for Castleton.

JAMES E. MULLIGAN, eldest son of the late Edward Mulligan, was born in Columbia county in 1845. Soon after his birth, the family moved to Troy, N. Y., his father having been appointed assistant to the superintendent of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad.

In 1853, the family moved to Staten Island, where James, then a lad of eight, was sent to the New Brighton public school, the same school of which he was afterward trustee for seventeen years.

In 1874, he formed a co-partnership with his present partner, Paul F. Brazo, in the painting, decorating and paper-hanging business. In 1881, the firm established a store at Long Branch, N. J., where it is doing perhaps the largest business of the kind in the state, giving employment to from sixty to seventy men. It has also a third store at Sea Bright, N. J.

The firm has always been known for its energy and "push," for artistic taste in selecting goods, for promptness in executing orders, and excellent and thorough manner of doing its work.

Mr. Mulligan was a member of the second excise board ever elected in the town of Castleton. He was a strenuous high license man, but, owing to the fact that the other members of the board were less progressive in their ideas, he was unable to affect any reform, and refused re-election.

In 1890, he was appointed a member of the board of health, of the village of Castleton, and made one of the most efficient presidents the board ever had.

On the resignation in 1892, of Robert Moore, who had held the office of supervisor of the town of Castleton for many years, Mr. Mulligan was appointed to fill the vacancy, and, at the expiration of the term, he was re-elected for the term of two years.

On his appointment to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Moore, the Richmond County *Herald* said:

"Mr. Mulligan's broadmindedness, upon matters affecting the welfare of all classes, together with his sterling business capacity and exquisite tact, render him an extremely proper and fitting person to safeguard and promote the general interests of the town in which he has lived so long, and which has conferred upon him the distinguished honor of supervisorship. With him that honor will remain intact and unsullied."

The above prediction has been amply fulfilled.