

the Provincial revenue. After a prolonged and severe contest, he was elected by a handsome majority. The all but unanimous return of the candidates who were of the anti-Confederate party turned public opinion for a time in Nova Scotia to a repeal of the Act. Mr. McLelan, yielding to this opinion, kept his pledge for a time in abeyance, but his frequent references in the House of Commons debates to the financial position of Nova Scotia indicate that he never lost sight of it. In the winter of 1868-69, when it was plain that the repeal agitation had failed, Mr. McLelan joined the Hon. Joseph Howe in negotiating with the Dominion government for a readjustment of the Nova Scotia revenues, and took an active part in securing what is known as "Better Terms for Nova Scotia."

Mr. McLelan is a Presbyterian.

In 1854 he was married to Miss Caroline Metzler, of Halifax, and has three children by her.

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### JOHN M. CALDWELL,

CORNWALLIS, N.S.

JOHN MARSHALL CALDWELL, sheriff of the county of King's for more than a quarter of a century, is a son of John and Nancy (Clark) Caldwell, who were both from Ireland, members of the Presbyterian church, and much respected; he was born at Cornwallis, in this county, on the 11th of May, 1801, being, therefore, at the time of writing this sketch, just eighty years old. John Caldwell was a farmer most of his life, and gave his son a good knowledge of that vocation; the latter receiving, meanwhile, seven years' schooling, giving two of those years to the study of the classics.

Mr. Caldwell has been an extensive farmer, and made a success of his business. While a young man he was clerk for several years of a military company, in which he rose to the rank of captain; and finally he became lieutenant colonel of a regiment of infantry, resigning on being appointed sheriff in 1854; he has been re-appointed twenty-six times—a sufficient indication of the manner in which he discharges the duties of that office. He has, we believe, never been an active politician; religiously was brought up a Presbyterian, to which church he still adheres, but he is not a communicant; his general character is irreproachable, and he has the confidence and respect of a large circle of friends, many of them of long standing.

In 1825 Mr. Caldwell was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary Sarah Kinsman, of Cornwallis, and she has had one daughter and one son, both yet living. Mary Ann is the widow of Dr. Burdon, of Cornwallis, and Ezekiel K. is engaged in railroading in Massachusetts.

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### HON. JOHN MCKINNON, M.L.C.,

ANTIGONISH, N.S.

THE subject of this sketch, who has been a member of the Nova Scotia Legislature for thirty years, is a descendant of a branch of the family belonging to the western isles of Scotland, being a son of John McKinnon, senior, who emigrated to this province from Inverness-shire, and settled in the county of Sydney. His mother was Eupice McLeod, who was also Scotch.