

when he was elected to the House of Commons, having been defeated for that body in December the year before, for Victoria; he was unseated on a scrutiny of votes, but re-elected in September, 1876, upon the sitting member, Tremaine, being appointed a judge.

Col. Campbell ran eight times for the Provincial and four times for the Dominion Parliament, and knows a good deal about the ups and downs, the uncertainties and perplexities of political life; he was defeated in 1878; his politics are Conservative.

Mr. Campbell is the author of the bill for perfecting titles to land in the Island of Cape Breton; the island having been an independent province, and on its being annexed to Nova Scotia, titles to land were left in a confused state. He strongly advocated equal privileges to all denominations of Christians, and was defeated in his county in 1859, on account of his advocacy of equal rights of the Catholic population with their Protestant fellow colonists; he subsequently advocated Confederation and British connection, for which he voted, and for which, as before mentioned, he was defeated at the following election. In the House of Commons he was the first to advocate duty on American coal and other articles imported free of duty from that country and protection to home industry in 1876, and to expose the fallacy of the policy pursued by the Mackenzie administration, regarding their political economy, their immigrating Menonites, and warned it of the "hand writing upon the wall," and strongly advocated such a protective policy as has been adopted by the present Government.

He married in January, 1843, Eliza Jane, daughter of Styles Ingraham, Esq., of Baddeck and has lost two children, and has six sons and two daughters living. Colin N. Campbell, the eldest son, is a lawyer; Rev. James F. Campbell, the second, is a missionary in India; Charles L. is conducting a store at the New Campbellton mines, being a partner in the establishment; Lauchlin G. is conducting the branch establishment since his father started the business in Halifax, and is a partner in the Baddeck establishment; John J. is a clerk at Halifax; Edward K. is a clerk at Baddeck; Jennie E. is the wife of W. M. Doull, merchant, Halifax, and Flora I. is at school.

HON. JOHN F. STAIRS, M.P.P.,

DARTMOUTH, N.S.

JOHN FITZWILLIAM STAIRS, member of the executive council of Nova Scotia, and son of Hon. W. J. Stairs, whose sketch appears on preceding pages of this work, was born in Halifax, N.S., on the 19th of January, 1848. For a fuller account of the family, etc., see the father's sketch.

Our subject was educated in the Halifax grammar school, Dalhousie college, and by private tuition; and in his sixteenth year commenced business with his father,—at first, in the shipping line almost exclusively, adding, in 1868, a rope walk, which our subject has since managed. The firm name is Wm. Stairs, Son and Morrow; and they are doing a thrifty business, their headquarters being in Bedford Row, Halifax, though our subject resides across the harbor, in Dartmouth.

Mr. Stairs was in the town council of Dartmouth two years; and ran for warden in 1879, but was defeated. In November, 1879, he was elected to the House of Assembly for Halifax county, and has served two sessions in that body. His appointment as a member of the