

Mr. Montgomery seems to be one of those men who never grow old. Beyond a slight failing in the organs of hearing and sight, such as affects men of younger years, he shows no sign of being older now than when twenty years ago he first came up to the capital to take part in moulding the legislation of the country. Senator Montgomery has been twice married, first in 1835 to Miss Ann Murray, a native of Prince Edward Island, who died in April, 1857, and, second time, to Louisa, relict of the late Lawrence W. Gall. The second wife died in April, 1889.

HON. JOHN BOYD.

*St. John, N.B.*

REV. GEORGE M. GRANT, of Halifax, (now better known as Principal Grant, of Queen's University, Kingston,) is said to have remarked on a public occasion once, that "there were three things in St. John of which they were proud—the skating rink, the Victoria hotel, and John Boyd." The rink and the hotel were fine institutions in their way, no doubt, but if fine natural genius, indomitable energy and perseverance, the motive power of successful enterprise, liberality of opinion, boundless charity and goodness of heart were taken into consideration by the rev. gentleman, then he must have intended the compliment chiefly for the hon. senator from the capital of New Brunswick, with whose affairs, both city and province, Mr. Boyd has been intimately associated during the past forty years. Col. R. H. Conwell, the historian of the great fire in St. John (1877), says: "Mr. Boyd presents one of those examples of sterling business integrity and social worth of which it is always pleasant and profitable to write. His influence in the province of New Brunswick, and especially in the city of St. John, is hardly exceeded by that of any public official; and it has been obtained by steady and careful industry, combined with an eminent desire, everywhere apparent in his acts, to be useful to his neighbors and countrymen. He has a brilliant genius which fits him for any position, and a happy, genial manner in his intercourse with strangers which secures them at once as life friends." What has been said above will give a fair idea of the character of the gentleman who forms the subject of this notice, and an account of whose career is worthy a prominent place in any work of Canadian biography. John Boyd was born at Magherafelt, county Derry, Ireland, September 28th, 1826, his parents being James and Margaret (Linn) Boyd, the former descended from an old family of Scottish Covenanters who, at an early period, had settled in the north of

Ireland, and the latter of Dutch descent. The father died when John was only five years of age, and shortly after he and his younger brother (James Smyth) were brought to America by their widowed mother, who settled in St. John. The subject of our sketch attended school until he was eleven years of age, when he entered the mercantile establishment of Holdsworth & Daniel, and this was the commencement of his phenomenally successful business career. He began at the bottom of the ladder, but step by step he arose, until in 1852 he was taken in as a partner, and for a number of years past he has been at the head of the firm, now so well known under the title of Daniel & Boyd. In the great fire which devastated the city in 1877, Mr. Boyd suffered very heavy loss, both his warehouse and his beautiful residence, one of the most elegant and noticeable in the city, together with the many rare and valuable works of art, statuary, paintings, engravings, etc., which it contained, besides one of the finest private libraries in the Dominion, being entirely consumed. He also met with a severe accident during the disaster, being struck by a falling beam, from which he suffered for a couple of years after. From his very youth, Mr. Boyd took an active interest in public affairs, and from the time of his initial step in this direction until the present day he has been one of the foremost men in every political and commercial movement in which the interests of his own city and province were involved. Throughout all the changes which have taken place since he first appeared publicly on the scene, he stood and worked side by side with the present Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, Sir S. L. Tilley. Indeed, for years they were known under the sobriquet of the Siamese twins; and to the efforts of these two men may be largely ascribed, so far as New Brunswick is concerned, the ultimate results of Responsible Government, Confederation, and the National Policy. In June, 1865, Mr. Boyd was a delegate at the Detroit Convention of the Boards of Trade of the United States and Canada, and he was one of the three chosen to speak for Canada, the other two being Hon. Joseph Howe, of Nova Scotia, and Hon. James Skead, of Ottawa, Ontario. Years before this (in 1858) he had been first in the movement for the construction of a railway between St. John and Bangor, Me., and his report on this subject, adopted and printed by the Board of Trade, was the means of having this important scheme carried out. He was an earnest advocate of Confederation, both in the press and on the platform, and during the agitation on that important question he spent a month going through the province holding meetings and educating the people on the subject, Mr. Tilley