

special aptitude, and there was nothing to which he put his hand that did not prosper. As a merchant, he had none of those speculative tendencies which are so much in fashion with business men of the present day, preferring the slower gains which result from frugality and steadfast application to duty, to the glittering and often illusory prizes which attract the speculator. But he was not content to pass through life as the mere accumulator of wealth. In every effort having for its object to improve the social, political or educational position of the community, he took a leading and active part, and was identified with all the political movements by which the heart of the people has been stirred within the last half century. Bred in the school in which the pioneer reformers of this province were trained, he was from the first a zealous, consistent and intelligent advocate of the principles for which they contended, and an energetic supporter of the men to whom we are indebted for the Constitution we now enjoy. In 1843, he was appointed to the legislative council, a position which he has now filled for the long period of thirty-four years. In 1857, Mr. Brown accepted the position of Receiver-General, under Mr. Johnson's government, which he held until 1860 when an adverse vote in the House of Assembly displaced the ministry of which he was a member. In 1865, when the Confederation question came up as a vital issue, Mr. Brown warmly espoused the anti-Confederate cause, and took a leading part in the popular movements growing out of the struggle that ensued. In 1874, he succeeded to the presidency of the Legislative Council, vacated by the death of the Hon. Alex. Keith, and held that position until March, 1875, when, upon the retirement of the Hon. Wm. Annand, he was appointed to the office of provincial treasurer.

Mr. Brown was distinguished in private life for sound practical judgment, indefatigable attention to business, and the strictest integrity; and to those qualities carried into public and official life, were superadded abilities of a high order, and an unwavering devotion to sound political principle, for principle's sake, which secured for him the respect even of those who differed from him in opinion.

Mr. Brown, in 1825, married Charlotte Letitia, second daughter of Dr. Richard and Mary Fletcher. She died, in 1843, leaving three daughters and three sons, of whom two sons only are living. Mr. Brown married next, in 1865, Ellen Grantham, daughter of the late Dr. Henry G. Farish. She survived him.

## ANDREW COWIE,

### LIVERPOOL.

THE subject of this sketch, a prominent leather manufacturer and vessel-owner, was born in the village of Auchanhalrige, near Gordon castle, county of Banff, Scotland, on the 20th July, 1798. His father was William Cowie, a small farmer, and his mother was Elizabeth Milne, both natives of the county already mentioned. He was the seventh son; received a parish school education; learned a trade; came to Halifax, Nova Scotia, in the spring of 1816; worked there and at Lunenburg for two years, and in April, 1818, settled in Liverpool, and for three or four years was a dry goods merchant. While thus engaged in 1821, he purchased and repaired a small tannery and commenced the manufacture of leather, enlarging his premises and his business gradually. For several years two of his sons have been in partnership with him, not only in this branch of industry, but at one time also in the shipping business, they owning several vessels, and shipping lumber to the West Indies. They discontinued the manufacture of lumber some time ago. Adjoining their tannery, they have a saddle and harness shop, where they are doing a fair business.

Andrew Cowie entered public life in 1851, being elected to the Legislative Assembly for the township of Liverpool, and serving four years, when he retired for one term, to make way, as he modestly declared, for a better man. In 1859 his constituents insisted in returning him once more, and he was kept in parliament until Confederation in 1867, when he retired. He was a magistrate for some years.

He is a member of the Church of England, and, according to report, has led an exemplary life. He is held in much esteem by his neighbors.