

council in 1873, and retained that office eight years. While in parliament, he aided in carrying several important measures, among them the railway bill and the confederation scheme.

Mr. Strong has been a magistrate about a quarter of a century; and is president of the commission of the industrial and agricultural association of Prince county, a director of the Summerside Bank, and a trustee of the town school.

He is a lay preacher in the Methodist church, and has held the offices of recording steward, class-leader, trustee, and every other office in the gift of that ecclesiastical body. He was a lay delegate to the general conference held at Toronto, in 1874, and to the similar conference held at Montreal, in 1878. He was appointed a member of the hymn-book committee, under whose auspices a new book of that class has recently been issued. In many ways, he has made himself eminently serviceable to his denomination, and to the community generally.

Mr. Strong married in 1842, Sarah Jane, daughter of Edward Bonsfield, then mayor of the borough of Newark-on-the-Trent, and they have seven children—five sons and two daughters. Frederick W., who is married, and Charles E. are general merchants in Summerside; Sarah Louisa is married to Colin Wright, merchant, Bedeque; and the rest are single and at home.

THOMAS KELLY,

SUMMERSIDE, P.E.I.

THOMAS KELLY, judge of the county court of Prince county, is a son of the late Thomas Kelly and Mary Grace, both natives of Kilkenny county, Ireland, coming to this island about 1822, and settling at Covehead Road, Queen's county. There our subject was born in October, 1833, and was educated at the same place. He pursued his law studies with the present Judge Watters, of St. John, N.B., and while a law student, was for two years president of the Irish friendly society of that city. He was admitted an attorney of the supreme court of New Brunswick in Trinity term, 1863, and called to the bars of that province and of Prince Edward Island in 1865. He immediately commenced the practice of his profession as a barrister and notary public at Summerside, the western capital of the province, where he has since resided. For many years he was engaged actively in the politics of his province, and more prominently in connection with the party controversies arising out of the education, railway and confederation questions, as they existed in P. E. Island. He was twice elected a representative from Prince county to the island legislature. In 1870 he was appointed a master in chancery, and in 1871, railway commissioner, and re-elected in 1872 to that office, which he resigned a few weeks subsequently on the overthrow of the Pope administration. In 1873 he was offered the chairmanship of the railway board, and in 1874, the speakership of the House of Assembly, both of which positions he declined in consequence of a misunderstanding on the school question. In 1876 he retired temporarily from public life, but was an unsuccessful candidate for the legislature at the general elections in 1879. For several years he was a director of the Summerside Bank, and afterwards solicitor for that institution; was elected license commissioner in 1877, and the same year appointed recorder for the town of Summerside. He is a commissioner for Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island, for taking affidavits, proofs, &c., for use in those provinces.