

been a member, and joined the Reformers, and as a member of that party was re-elected in February, 1874. At the end of that term (1878), he withdrew from public life. Mr. Davies carried the decimal currency bill and other mercantile bills through the Local House, and was quite an influential member of that body.

He has been a magistrate for many years, but has not acted recently; and is a director of the Bank of Prince Edward Island, and of the Charlottetown gas company; president of the steam navigation company, and also of the Merchants' Marine Insurance Company of Charlottetown.

He married in 1853, Catherine, fourth daughter of the late Ewen Cameron, Esq., merchant, of Charlottetown, and had issue four children, three daughters and one son, all now dead but Helen, the eldest daughter. The son, Henry Daniel, a promising youth died from the effects of a scald and diphtheria, in December, 1880, at the age of fifteen years.

CHARLES PALMER, Q.C.,

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

CHARLES PALMER, one of the leading barristers in Prince Edward Island, was born at Crapaud, in this province, on the 7th of August, 1823; he is a younger brother of the Hon. Edward Palmer, chief justice of this province, whose sketch and portrait may be found in this volume, and in which sketch the parentage of our subject may be found.

Mr. Palmer was educated at the central academy, Charlottetown, the course of studies including the classics and higher mathematics; studied law with Sir Robert Hodgson, at that time attorney-general, and with his eldest brother, Henry Palmer, and was admitted to practise in 1847, and created a Queen's Counsel on the 1st of July, 1872.

Mr. Palmer does business in the admiralty court, the divorce court, the supreme court, and courts of chancery, and surrogate and probate courts. The firm of Palmer and McLeod do a very large business, particularly in the foreign department, largely in the United States and Canada, being in this respect probably the leading law firm in the province. Mr. Palmer is a fluent, ready, and persuasive speaker, and is considered a very successful advocate on behalf of criminals.

Quite a number of the younger class of lawyers in Charlottetown, and other parts of the province, studied their profession with Mr. Palmer, and the proficiency and standing of several of them is such, as no doubt, to afford pleasure, not to say pride, to their preceptor.

Mr. Palmer is a notary public, solicitor in the court of chancery, and barrister in the supreme court.

He was attorney-general for a few months in 1871, but refused to accept the office politically; he is a Liberal, but not an office-seeker, and lets nothing interfere with his professional studies and practice. He is and has been from its organization; president of the Union Bank of Charlottetown, one of the staunchest institutions of the kind in the city or in the province.

Mr. Palmer is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, superintendent of the Sunday school, and one of the most prominent laymen at the capital of the province; he is one of the managers of the Charlottetown Young Men's Christian Association, and was for several years at the head of that important institution, which is truly a power at the capital of the province.