

Nova Scotia and the Eastern American Colonies; McLean came to this country to take up his commission. In 1796 he became a captain in the Royal Canadian Volunteers, serving in Montreal, Quebec and York (Toronto) as Volunteer Officer. When the Regiment disbanded he settled at St. Andrews. Besides his military activities, Neil McLean took a keen interest in municipal and legislative affairs. He was called to the Legislative Council of Upper Canada in 1815.

He married Isabella, the youngest daughter of John Macdonell of Leek, by whom he had three sons and five daughters. The sons were John, the eldest; Archibald, the second and the subject of this sketch, born at St. Andrews on April 5th, 1791, and Alexander, the youngest, who, I may say, was my mother's father.

Archibald and his two brothers received their early education at Dr. Strachan's school in Cornwall. Dr. Strachan, afterwards the well-known Bishop Strachan, taught the first school of importance in Upper Canada, attracting pupils from all parts of the Province. He had, therefore, the honour of educating and in no small measure moulding the characters of, many boys who afterwards took an active part in the affairs of this country, among whom, in addition to the McLeans, may be mentioned Chief Justice Sir John Beverley Robinson, Chief Justice Macauley and many others.

At sixteen years of age, Archibald McLean considered he had acquired sufficient knowledge to warrant him in striking out for himself in pursuit of the purpose he had formed, namely, a study of the law. To carry out this purpose he proceeded to York (now