

Mr. Pickard is a son of David and Hepziba (Burpee) Pickard, the Burpees also being from Massachusetts. He was born at Douglas, York county, N.B., on the 27th of April, 1824; received an ordinary country school training, and early learned the business of his father, an extensive mill owner, who died in 1858.

Mr. Pickard early developed good working capacities, and seemed to be at home at any business to which he applied himself, whether it was tending a grist-mill, a saw-mill, a carding-mill, or a fulling-mill, in all of which he labored at times. His leading business for the last thirty years or more, has been the manufacture of lumber, of which he has in some prosperous years turned out as high as 30,000,000 feet. Latterly the average has been considerably below that figure. When he did his large business he was of the firm of Temple and Pickard, which partnership continued for nine years, and they average at least 25,000,000 feet a year.

Mr. Pickard is a director of the People's Bank at Fredericton, and of the New Brunswick railway company; vice-president of the York Agricultural Society, and quite a prominent man in his part of the province. From 1875 to 1878 he was Right Worthy Grand Master of the Orange Grange of New Brunswick. He is also a Master Mason.

Mr. Pickard entered public life in the autumn of 1868, when he was elected to a seat in the New Brunswick Assembly, which he resigned the next year, and was elected to the House of Commons by acclamation on the resignation of the sitting member, Charles Fisher, now judge of the Court of Common Pleas in that province. He was re-elected by acclamation at the general elections in 1872 and 1874, and by an overwhelming majority in 1878, being quite a favorite among his constituents. He is rather an independent politician, but is classed with the Liberals, and gave a steady support to the late administration of Mr. Mackenzie.

Originally he was opposed to Confederation, but cheerfully bowed to the will of the people, and is evidently doing his best to make the union a grand success.

The wife of Mr. Pickard was Miss Mary Yerxa, daughter of Daniel Yerxa, farmer, of Douglas, their union being dated in October, 1851. We believe they have no children.

Mr. Pickard has the qualities of a useful and popular citizen: is public spirited, and, as they say in the United States, "whole-souled"; "generous to a fault," obliging and accommodating to his neighbors, and not likely to ever turn the needy "empty away." Those who know him best have the kindest words in regard to him.

## MARTIN B. PALMER,

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MARTIN BENT PALMER, barrister-at-law, and judge of probate for the county of Albert from 1846 to 1873, is a brother of Hon. A. L. Palmer, judge in equity, St John, and son of Philip Palmer, land surveyor, and Sarah Ayer, his birth being dated at Dorchester, Westmoreland county, N.B., on the 20th of December, 1812. Both parents were born in that county. His grandfather, Gideon Palmer, was a loyalist, from the State of New York, and was a captain during the war for independence.

Mr. Palmer was educated in the common and grammar schools of Sackville, N.B., where the family settled before he can remember; studied law with the Hon. E. B. Chandler, late Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick; was admitted to practise as an attorney in February,