

years speaker of the House of Assembly and now one of the judges of the supreme court of New Brunswick, and Frances Chandler, youngest daughter of Hon. Judge Upham, a loyalist from Massachusetts, a colonel of dragoons during the rebellion of the American colonies, and in the latter part of his life a judge of the supreme court of New Brunswick. The mother of our subject was a sister of Charles W. Upham, of Salem, Mass., a well known and eminent writer. She died in 1844. His father is in his 75th year.

Mr. Weldon was born at Richibucto, N.B., on the 27th of February, 1830; was educated at the academy and King's college, Windsor, Nova Scotia; was graduated in 1847, and received the degree of master of arts in 1851. He studied law with his father, who was an eminent barrister, before going on the bench; was called to the bar in October, 1851, and created a Queen's counsel in 1873. He has been in practice at St. John nearly thirty years, and has a highly creditable standing at the bar of the province.

Mr. Weldon was first elected to Parliament in September, 1878, and hence is serving his first term in a legislative body. He is on the Opposition, or Liberal side of the House; is a free trader or revenue tariff man, and hence is strongly opposed to what is known at the National Policy. He was also opposed to the confederation of the provinces, and used his influence against that measure in 1864-66; but cordially acceded to the will of the people, and is doing all he can to make the union a success.

Mr. Weldon is a member of the Church of England; has been for six or seven years warden of Trinity church, St. John; was a delegate to the provincial synod at Montreal, in 1874; has also served as delegate to the synod of the diocese of Fredericton, and is a prominent man in church and benevolent matters. He is a Royal Arch Mason.

The wife of Mr. Weldon was Annie Tucker, only daughter of John Tucker, Esq., of St. John, their union taking place in March, 1860.

## KENNEDY F. BURNS,

*BATHURST, N.B.*

**K**ENNEDY FRANCIS BURNS, ex-member of the local parliament, and one of the leading merchants and manufacturers in Gloucester county, N.B., is a native of Tipperary county, Ireland, dating his birth at Thomastown, on the 8th of January, 1842; his father, Thomas E. Burns, was born in New Brunswick, while the grandfather of our subject was in the British service in this province; and his mother, whose maiden name was Ann Ryan, was a native of Ireland.

Mr. Burns commenced his education in the old country; continued it at St. Mary's college, Halifax, N.S., and finished at the Catholic college, St. John; commenced business in life as a clerk in the "Commercial Palace," St. John, and finished his clerkship at Chatham, district of Miramichi, in the house of John Burke. In 1861, he removed to Bathurst to open a branch of that establishment, and two years afterwards bought it out. In 1878 he took into partnership his younger brother, Patrick J. Burns, and his brother-in-law, Samuel Adams, and the firm of Burns, Adams and Company continued until 1880, when it was dissolved. Since that time the brothers have continued the business under the firm name of K. F. Burns and Company, and they are engaged extensively in merchandising, and in manufacturing lumber, having stores and