

House before Confederation. As a legal adviser in civil cases, he had few confrères at the time of his practising in Quebec that were recognised as his equal, still less his superior. He possesses a numerous circle of friends in and outside of politics, and is a gentleman highly respected in his native city. His Excellency Señor Don Boniface de Blas, Ministre des Affaires Etrangères par ordre et au nom de sa Majesté le Roi d'Espagne, pour services rendues à l'occasion de l'invasion projetée de Cuba par les Filibustiers, conferred upon him the dignity of Commander and Grand Officer of the Royal Order of Isabella la Católica in 1872, and on the anniversary of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, 24th May, 1879, he had a still higher honor, and possibly one he prizes more, bestowed upon him, by the Order of Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. This latter honor was conferred upon him by the hands of the present Governor-General the Marquis of Lorne, in the presence of Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise.

As Speaker of the Legislative Council, a member of the Administration—for which he displayed more than ordinary ability and perseverance to obtain the consent of Her Majesty to establish that august assembly; filling offices of the highest distinction in the Dominion; a public benefactor; a humane, sympathetic, Christian gentleman; such is the subject of our brief sketch.

He married, on the 15th September, 1835, Mary, daughter of the late L. Gauvreau, Esq., formerly a member of the Legislative Assembly of Lower Canada. There is no issue by the marriage.

EDWARD T. BROOKS, M.A., 'Q.C., M.P.,

SHERBROOKE.

EDWARD TOWLE BROOKS, late Battonier of the St. Francis Bar, and member of Parliament for Sherbrooke, was born at Lennoxville, county of Sherbrooke, July 6th, 1830, his father being Samuel Brooks, Esq., member of the Canadian Assembly for Sherbrooke for many years, the last term being from 1844 until his death in 1849, a native of Massachusetts, and a relative of the Brooks family with which the Adamses of that State are connected. His mother was Elizabeth Towle. Our subject was educated at Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in 1850; studied law with Judge J. S. Sanborn, of Sherbrooke, and Andrew Robertson, Q.C., Montreal; was admitted to the Bar of Lower Canada in 1854, created a Queen's Counsel in 1875, and elected Battonier of St. Francis Bar the same year. He has always had an honorable stand at the bar of his district, and has done a highly remunerative and straightforward business. In ability he stands in the front rank of his part of the Province.

Mr. Brooks is Vice-President of the International and Waterloo, and Magog Railways, President of the Sherbrooke Rifle Association, the Fish and Game Protection Society, and the Plow-