

Mr. Leighton is a blue lodge mason, an attendant of the Baptist church, and a man of solid character; he was married on the 17th of November, 1864, to Amanda M. Collins, of Charlotte county, and she died in August, 1875, leaving six children, three sons and three daughters, one son having preceded her to the spirit world. Mrs. Leighton was an active member of Woodstock society, an affectionate and kind wife and mother, and a woman of excellent character, being highly esteemed by her associates in the Baptist church, and by all who knew her most intimately.

ASAEEL WELLS,

HARVEY, N.B.

ASAEL WELLS, high-sheriff of Albert county, N.B., is a native of the same county, dating his birth at Harvey, on the 22nd of July, 1834, his father being James E. Wells, in his day a sea captain, a merchant, and one of the leading men in that part of the country; his grandfather, Newton Wells, a native of Nova Scotia, and one of the pioneers in Albert county, N. B., was at one time a captain of militia and a prominent citizen of Harvey. The mother of Asael was Amanda C. Beckwith, whose father was among the early settlers at Cornwallis, N. S., and whose family is among the foremost in that place.

Our subject received a good English education at Harvey and St. John; taught school about six years in his native province; and subsequently traded at Harvey and on the Bay of Chaleurs. In 1869, on the death of his father, Mr. Wells returned to Harvey, took charge of the old homestead, and still has its oversight; he was appointed high-sheriff in May, 1879, and is a wide awake and efficient officer.

Mr. Wells was a member of the first board of municipal councillors, when the municipal Act came into force; has been a justice of the peace for the last ten or twelve years, and was one of the board of valuers in 1875; he is a deacon of the first Baptist church of Harvey, and a man of staunch moral character. Professor Wells, a highly popular educator, connected with the Canadian Baptist Institute at Woodstock, Ontario, is a brother of the sheriff.

In 1860 he married Rebecca Brewster, of Harvey, daughter of James Brewster, Esq., late judge of the inferior courts, custom-house officer, etc. They have buried two children, and have six living.

THOMAS W. DANIEL,

ST. JOHN, N.B.

THOMAS WILDER DANIEL, one of the leading merchants and business men of New Brunswick, is a native of Bedfordshire, England, and dates his birth on the 26th of June, 1818. His father was Wilder Daniel who belonged to an old Bedfordshire family; and his mother was Maria H. Lancaster, of the County of Lancaster. He received a good business education; came out to St. John at the age of seventeen (1835), and was with his uncle, Thomas Daniel, for twelve years, succeeding him in business in 1847. Mr. Daniel was alone for a few years, and in 1854 took into partnership the Hon. John Boyd, whose sketch appears in another