

being a public-spirited man. In 1860 he was appointed coroner for Hastings, and in the united counties of Northumberland and Durham, still holding that office.

Dr. Day is a Knight Templar in the order of Free Masons; has been Master of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter, and the Encampment, and is a Past District Deputy Grand Master, and Past District Superintendent.

December 31, 1857, Miss Eliza Ann Purdy, daughter of Samuel D. Purdy, of Ernestown, became the wife of Dr. Day. Her father was a native of Canada, her mother of the State of New York.

The successful and remunerative practice of the Doctor placed him in comfortable circumstances years ago; yet his old patrons insisting upon employing him, his ride is still extensive.

HON. JAMES C. AIKINS,

OTTAWA.

JAMES COX AIKINS, Senator and Secretary of State of Canada, is a son of James Aikins, who left the County of Monaghan, Ireland, in 1816, and after residing in Philadelphia, Pa., four years, came to Canada and settled in the township of Toronto, now in the county of Peel, where our subject was born on the 30th of March, 1823. His mother's name, before her marriage, was Ann Cox. James Aikins was a hospitable christian man, and his backwoods house, half a century ago, was the frequent resort of evangelists and the centre wherefrom radiated strong religious influences.

Our subject received an academic education at what has since become Victoria College, Cobourg, and has followed the occupation of his father, that of an agriculturist, and made his business a success.

Mr. Aikins has held a few civil offices in the township in which he resided in the county of Peel; is Major of the 3rd Battalion Peel Militia, and has been in some legislative body almost constantly for a quarter of a century. He sat for the county of Peel in the Canadian Assembly from 1854 until the general election in 1861, when he was defeated; was a member for the "Home" Division of the Legislative Council from 1862 until the Union, and was called to the Senate by proclamation in May, 1867. He was sworn into the Privy Council on the 9th of December, 1867, and was soon afterwards sworn in as Secretary of State of Canada, and held that office until the resignation of the Macdonald Government, November 3, 1873, organizing during that period the Dominion Lands Bureau; and was again sworn into the Privy Council on the 19th of October, 1878, and once more accepted the portfolio of Secretary of State.

Senator Aikins lived the life of an independent yeoman, in Peel, until 1869, in which year he joined the Government of Sir John A. Macdonald, and removed to Toronto. In changing