

on a farm at Antigonish, N.S., where Hugh was born on the 4th of May, 1827. The maiden name of his mother was Christina Cameron, also from Scotland.

Hugh McDonald was educated at the St. Andrew's grammar school, and the St. Francois Xavier college, Antigonish; commenced studying law at Arichat, Richmond county, N.S., and finished in the office of William A. Henry, now one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Canada, and was called to the bar of Nova Scotia in December, 1855, and created a Queen's Counsel in 1872. He remained at Antigonish for eighteen years, practising his profession in four counties, and doing a thrifty business in the several courts, supreme, equity, &c., until he was appointed to the Supreme bench on the 5th of October, 1873, when he removed to Halifax.

While at the bar Judge McDonald was quite prominent, being a lawyer of marked ability—the leader, in fact, on the circuit. He was a candid and logical pleader, and had great influence with a jury. As a judge, he is cool, clear-headed, impartial, correct in his deportment and on excellent terms with the bar.

In 1859, Judge McDonald entered public life, representing the county of Inverness in the Legislative Assembly four years, when he resigned that constituency, and remained out of office until Confederation (1867), when he was sent to Ottawa to represent Antigonish in the House of Commons. He held that seat until the downfall of the Macdonald administration in 1873, and for a short time was in the cabinet, first as President of the Privy Council, and then as Minister of Militia and Defence. It was Mr. McDonald who, in April, 1868, moved the resolution for the recall of Dr. Tupper, which resolution led to the debate in which Hon. D'Arcy McGee distinguished himself only a few minutes before he was murdered. The politics of our subject have always been Conservative; his religion is Roman Catholic.

Judge McDonald was a delegate, with Messrs. Howe and Annand, to England, in opposition to the Confederation Act then proposed (winter of 1866-7), and they succeeded in securing better terms for union.

He was married in 1856 to Sarah Smith, daughter of Joseph Smith, Esq., of Antigonish, and they have one son and three daughters living, and have buried one daughter. The son, J. C. McDonald, is at college, and the others are pursuing their studies.

REV. GEORGE W. HILL, A.M., D.C.L.,

HALIFAX, N. S.

REV. GEORGE WILLIAM HILL, chancellor of the University of Halifax, was born in this city, on the 9th of November, 1824, his parents being Captain N. T. Hill, Royal Staff Corps, and Hannah Harriet Hill, daughter of Stephen Hall Binney, of Halifax.

Chancellor Hill commenced his education in the Halifax grammar school; spent two years at Acadia college, Wolfville, and then, after trying his hand two years at farming, and thereby strengthening his physical constitution, he felt it his duty to enter the ministry of the Church of England, and, with that end in view, entered at King's college, Windsor, N.S., on advanced standing. After a very successful career of collegiate studies he was graduated bachelor of arts in 1847.

We learn from the *Canada School Journal*, for January, 1879, that from his graduation until 1854, our subject "filled the position of curate in the influential parish of St. George's