

academy has also grown in popularity, and a seminary has been started. The good executive abilities as well as broad and ripe scholarship of the doctor admirably fit him for the position which he holds.

During the last fifteen or twenty years President Sawyer has contributed many articles on educational and religious subjects to newspapers and periodicals, and has also written some for the reviews.

In December, 1858, he was married to Miss Maria E. Chase, daughter of Rev. John Chase, of Wolfville, and they have one son and one daughter. Everett W. is a graduate of Acadia college, and is teaching at Cornwallis, N. S.; and Laura M. is pursuing her studies at the Wolfville seminary.

HON. ARCHIBALD W. McLELAN,

(President of the Privy Council of Canada),

LONDONDERRY, N.S.

ARCHIBALD WOODBURY McLELAN, from the province of Nova Scotia, is a descendant of an Irish family that settled very early in Nova Scotia, his great grandfather, Peter McLelan, coming over from Londonderry in the last century, and settling at Londonderry. He is the only son of Gloud Wilson and Martha (Spencer) McLelan, and was born at Londonderry on the 24th of December, 1824. His father was a merchant and a prominent man in that part of the province, being a member of the Nova Scotia Assembly, representing Londonderry and Colchester from 1836 to 1858, and dying in 1858; his mother died in 1848.

Mr. McLelan was educated at Londonderry, and at Mount Allison Wesleyan academy, at Sackville; learned the mercantile business in early life, and followed it for several years, adding ship-building and ship-owning some time ago, and latterly paying particular attention to this branch of business.

Mr. McLelan was a member of the Provincial Assembly for the county of Colchester from 1858 to 1863; for Northern Colchester from the latter date until the Confederation (1867), and for Colchester in the House of Commons, from the Confederation until called to the senate on the 21st of June, 1869, when he was appointed one of the commissioners for the construction of the Intercolonial railway.

On the 20th May, 1881, after nearly twelve years' service in the Senate, he resigned his seat and was sworn of the Privy Council of Canada, with a view to enter the House of Commons as the representative of Colchester (his native county), Thomas McKay, Esq., the sitting member, having resigned. On the 18th June following he was elected by a large majority.

Mr. McLelan is the son of one of the old Nova Scotia Reformers, and has always advocated Liberal principles and progressive action. Although he strongly opposed the Act of Confederation, it was mainly on the ground that the terms of union did not give to Nova Scotia sufficient revenue for local purposes. On the final passage of the Act by the Imperial Parliament, he was one of the candidates for the representation of Colchester in the Dominion House of Commons. In accepting the candidature at a mass meeting, he took the position that the Act, having become law, was final, and no alternative left but to work it out in the best manner possible; but that, if elected, he pledged himself to seek a modification of the financial terms so as to increase