

but seems to have shunned civil offices as much as he could, his time being well taken up with his profession.

He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the Grand Lodge of the Dominion, and has been Master of Erie lodge, Port Dover.

In May, 1867, Dr. Stewart married Lucy M. Jones, daughter of Col. Thomas Jones, of the city of Toronto, and they have three daughters, Erie, Lulu, and Eva. The family attend the Presbyterian church.

HON. EDWARD BLAKE, Q.C.,

TORONTO.

EDWARD BLAKE was born in the township of Adelaide, county of Middlesex Ontario, in 1833. He is the eldest son of the late Hon. Wm. Hume Blake, himself a man of marked ability, and grandson of the late Rev. Dominick Blake, rector of Killegan and Lough Richland, Ireland; his mother was the daughter of Wm. Hume, of Humewood.

The subject of this sketch was educated in his earlier years, by Messrs. Wedd and Brown, and later at the Upper Canada College.

In his youth, Edward Blake showed signs of possessing in the bud the talents of elocution and a retentive memory; the former of which, in its full blossom, has gained for him the reputation of being one of the most eloquent speakers of the day, whilst the latter has in no small degree contributed to his success in his profession. He graduated at Trinity College, Toronto, and concluded a brilliant University career, by being Chancellor's Medalist, and taking first-class honors in classics. He was called to the Bar of Upper Canada, in Michaelmas term, 1856, and took his degree of M.A., in 1858; received his silk gown within the first decade of his legal career, having been created a Q.C. in 1864; became a Bencher of the Ontario Law Society in 1871; was for a time examiner and lecturer in equity for Upper Canada; at present is chancellor of the Toronto University since 1876, and head of the well-known firm of Messrs. Blake, Kerr, Boyd and Cassels, of Toronto. His ability as a lawyer is probably unexcelled in Canada, and the highest judicial appointments have been within his reach, but he has declined promotion when it was offered him, first in the chancellorship of Ontario, in December, 1869, and subsequently in the chief justiceship of the Supreme Court of the Dominion, in May, 1875.

Mr. Blake's professional success has been principally achieved in the Courts of Equity, but his unsurpassed power of cross-examination has secured for him considerable practice in Common Law. Thoroughly mastering the salient features of his cases, he is concise in his arguments, and confines himself to the points at issue. In the conduct of his suits he is apparently