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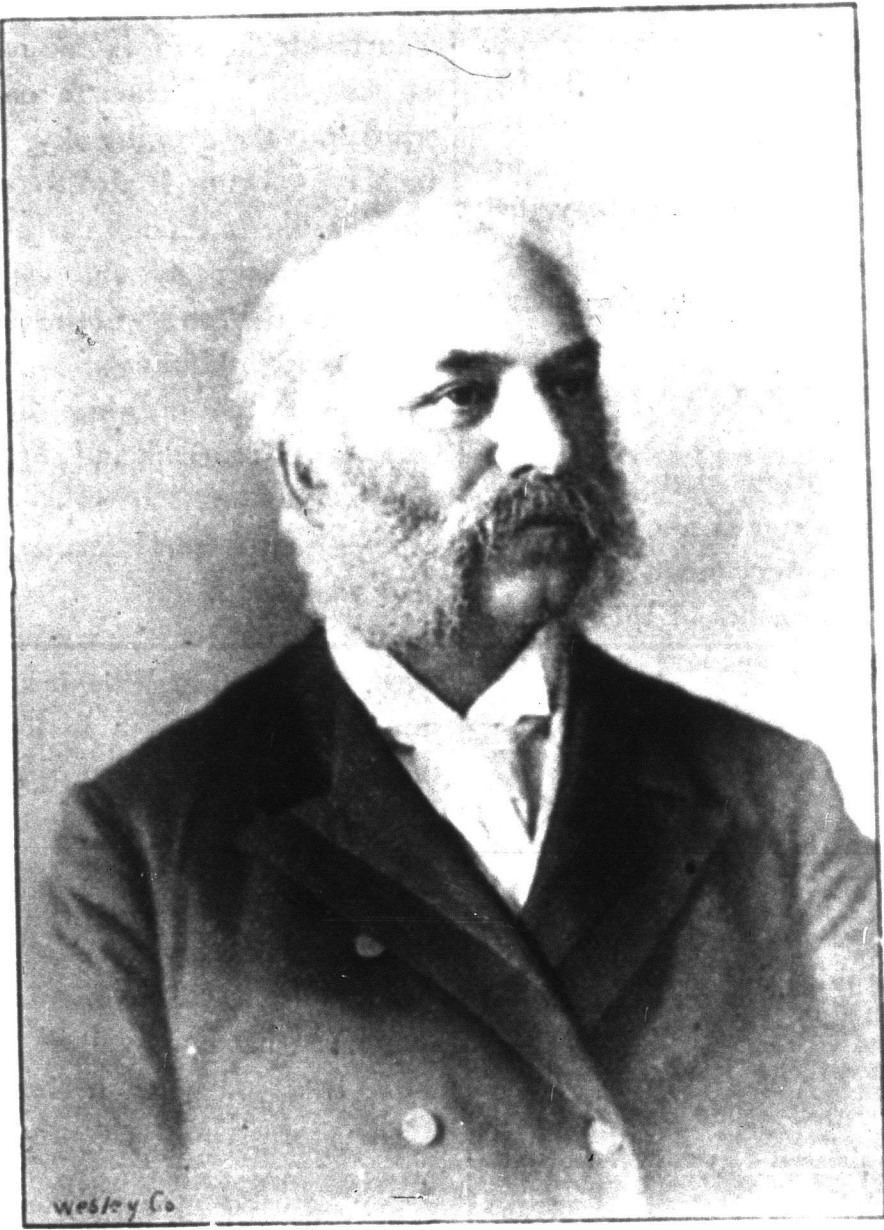
The appointment of Judge Barker to the chairmanship of the St. John Board of School Trustees is one that gives satisfaction to all classes of citizens. He is a gentleman of scholarly tastes, sound judgment, and with some experience in school administration. Judge Barker was born at Sheffield, N. B., Dec. 27, 1838, and was educated at the Sunbury grammar school under the Rev. Geo. S. Milligan, formerly of St. John, but for some years past a resident of St. John's, Newfoundland, where he occupies the position of chief superintendent of education. In June, 1853, Judge Barker matriculated at King's College, Fredericton, where he graduated B. A. in June, 1856, — special honors having been awarded him by the examiners at his final degree examination. In 1858 he passed the necessary examination for the degree of M. A., which was duly conferred upon him in June of that year. In 1861 he was admitted by the University of New Brunswick to the degree of B. C. L., and in 1866 to the degree of D. C. L. — both degrees having been taken in due course. In Trinity term, 1856, he entered as a student at law with the late Judge Fisher, and in Trinity term, 1860, he was sworn in an attorney of the supreme court, and a year later called to the bar.

He commenced practising in St. John in November, 1860, and he has resided there ever since. In 1865 he entered into partnership with the late Judge Wetmore, and they continued doing business together until Mr. Wetmore was appointed to the bench. In 1873 Judge Barker was appointed a Q. C., and in December, 1893, a judge of the supreme court — in the place of Judge Fraser, who accepted the office of lieutenant-governor

of the province. Judge Barker was also president of the Barristers' Society, and of the St. John Law Society, and for many years a member of the council of both societies, and as such acted for some years as an examiner. He was also appointed by the Provincial Government in 1875 as a commissioner in conjunction with Mr. Skinner and Judge Wetmore, now of the Northwest Territories, for the consolidation of the New Brunswick statutes. Later on he received similar appointment in a law commission, to suggest legislation in practice and procedure.

Judge Barker has always taken an interest in educa-

tional work, though his professional duties have occupied too much of his time to admit of any very prominent part in it. He was for many years a member of the Senate of the University of New Brunswick, and also secretary and treasurer, and for a time president, of the associated alumni of that institution, a society which, in a large degree, owes its existence to his exertions. He is at present one of the board of governors of the Girls' Church School at Windsor, N. S., and also one of the governors of the Madras School of this province. When the present school law was passed, he was appointed a member of the Portland school board, a position which he held



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until he removed from the town of Portland to the city.

It is hoped that Judge Barker's somewhat exacting legal duties may allow him sufficient leisure for the position to which he has been called, and which he is so well adapted to fill both by character and education. It speaks well for the future of education in the province when men of dignity, wide social influence, and unblemished reputation, accept without pecuniary reward the responsible duties of its administration.