

The wife of Senator Skead was Rosanna McKay, a native of the North of Ireland. They were joined in wedlock at Ottawa, February 1, 1842, and have had thirteen children, only seven of them now living. The eldest daughter, Mary, is the wife of William McKay Wright, of Hull, Province of Quebec. He represented the County of Pontiac, in that Province, in the late Mackenzie Government. The other children are single. Their names are Annie, Jennie, Isabella, Edward Selkirk, Eleanor, and Katie. All of these seven children were educated at the best institutions in the Dominion, and did fair to make the very best use of their mental accomplishments. Their father has long felt that the greatest deprivation of his life was the lack of school privileges in his early day, and many years ago resolved that none of his children should suffer in like manner. Their literary attainments and mental polish, as the writer happens to know, are a source of solid comfort and gratification to their parents. The family attend the Presbyterian Church, of which they are members and adherents.

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### COL. WALKER POWELL,

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COLONEL WALKER POWELL, Adjutant-General of Militia at Head-Quarters, for the Dominion of Canada, is of Welsh descent on his father's side, and English on his mother's. His paternal grandfather, a United Empire Loyalist, was born in the then Province of New York, in 1763, and at the Revolution adhered to the side of Great Britain. Afterwards, about the year 1783, removing to New Brunswick, he married Ruth Wood, on Long Island River, St. John, in 1784, and took up his permanent residence in the County of Norfolk, Upper Canada, in 1797, where he died in 1849. Our subject is the eldest son of Israel Wood and Melinda (Boss) Powell, and was born in the county of Norfolk, May 20, 1828. His father, the seventh son of Abraham Powell (born in the same county in 1801), was a representative public man, liberal in sentiment, energetic in action, loyal to the empire, devoted to Canada, serving as Justice of the Peace, as a Member of Council, as Warden, and as a Lieut.-Colonel in the Militia. He was also member for the county in the Legislative Assembly of Canada, from the union in 1840 to 1847, and died in Port Dover in 1857.

Colonel Powell was educated at Victoria College, Cobourg, and in his younger years was successfully engaged in commerce; procuring the construction of vessels; employing them upon the lakes; devoting time and means to the development of industrial resources; extending educational advantages, and ministering to the public prosperity. He was a Trustee of County Grammar School, and member and Chairman of Board of Union, Grammar and Public School Trustees, a Justice of the Peace, and for seven years a member of the County Council of Nor-