

Mr. Pope was elected to his present seat in the House of Commons, representing Queen's county, in November, 1876, upon the appointment of the sitting member, the Hon. David Laird, to be lieutenant governor of the north-west territories; was re-elected in September, 1878; sworn of the Privy Council, and appointed Minister of Marine and Fisheries on the 19th of October of the same year.

Mr. Pope's mother was a daughter of the late Captain Colledge, of the 1st royal regiment of foot, of which the Duke of Kent was colonel. His great-grandfather the Hon. Thomas Wright was a member of the government, and one of the commissioners appointed to administer the oaths to the members of the first parliament which met in Charlottetown, in 1773.

Mr. Pope married in 1852, Eliza Pethick, second daughter of Thomas Pethick, Esq., of Charlottetown, by whom he has had eight children, five of whom are living.

In politics Mr. Pope is a Conservative.

ARCHIBALD McNEILL,

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

ONE of the best known citizens, among business men and politicians of Charlottetown, is Archibald McNeill, chief clerk of the House of Assembly. He is a native of this island, dating his birth at West River, on the 16th of February, 1824. His father, Charles McNeill, a farmer from Argyleshire, Scotland, was one of the early emigrants to this island, settling at West River, where he died in 1879, in the 89th year of his age. This pioneer in that part of the province married Flora Bell, who came to this country in 1806, in the same ship with him when a young maiden, and she had twelve children of whom Archibald was the fourth child. She died about 1850.

The subject of this notice received a good English education in the central academy, Charlottetown, when Mr. Humphrey was principal, and was engaged in teaching in town and country for fifteen or sixteen years.

Mr. McNeill entered public life in September, 1854, when he was appointed deputy-registrar of deeds for the whole province, and was subsequently employed in the public lands office. Prior to entering the registry office, he became much interested in politics, and began to write for a local newspaper, *The Examiner*, then controlled by the Hon. Edward Whalen. Mr. McNeill supported by his pen, the introduction of responsible government, the free school system, the land purchase Act, and other progressive measures under consideration twenty-five and thirty years ago.

He took an active part in supporting Confederation and in railway building in his native province, and at the Charlottetown conference held in 1864 reported the speeches of Sir John Macdonald, Sir George E. Cartier, Hon. D'Arcy McGee, and other eminent speakers. He still writes, more or less, for the press, and is withal a good platform speaker.

For the last nine years Mr. McNeill has served as chief clerk of the House of Assembly, being appointed in 1873, and he makes a prompt and efficient officer, supplementing his parliamentary duties by engaging, during recess, in the commission and auctioneer business. He is a very active man, with much force of character and great energy in projecting any enterprise which he undertakes.