

ating perceptive powers. These qualifications, combined with indomitable energy, shrewdness and tact, soon secured him, after his call to the Bar, a large practice in the county of Lambton, and gave him a leading position in that county. His "magnetic" temperament and genial, kindly disposition made him many warm and constant friends. He was elected a Bencher of the Law Society of Ontario, in 1871, appointed Q.C. in 1876, and was County Crown Attorney for Lambton for several years, resigning in 1867 to enter political life.

At the first general election after Confederation he was elected to the Ontario Parliament for West Lambton, a seat which he has retained ever since, being one of the few charter members now left in the House. In 1871 he was returned by acclamation, as he also was on accepting the office of Provincial Secretary in the Reform Government, Oct. 25, 1872. He held this office in the Executive Council until December 4, 1873, when he was appointed Commissioner of Crown Lands, in which office he still remains, and in the discharge of the duties connected therewith Mr. Pardee has displayed signal ability. He is a good parliamentarian, a strong debater, and an influential member whose opinions always claim the attention of both friends and opponents. His political views have always been Liberal, and he has been a member of the Mowat administration since its formation.

The wife of the Hon. Commissioner was Emma K., daughter of J. K. Forsyth, Esq., of Sombra, Lambton county, Ont., by whom he has six children.

JOHN M. LAWDER,

ST. CATHARINES.

JOHN MARJORIBANKS LAWDER, late Judge of the County of Lincoln, dates his birth at Greenock, Scotland, August 16, 1824, his parents being John Lawder, Custom House officer at Greenock, and Jane Hervey, a native of Glasgow. Both died while he was young, and in 1837, an orphan boy, he came to Upper Canada, having completed his school studies before leaving the old country.

He studied law at Toronto with Robert Hervey, now of Chicago; was called to the Bar at Hilary term, February, 1845; practised at Niagara a little more than twenty-two years; was appointed county attorney and clerk of the peace in 1856, and on the death of Edward C. Campbell, Judge of the county, in 1860, was appointed to that office, which he held until November, 1877, when he resigned.

The Judge is a man of fair abilities; has a good knowledge of judicial duties; was ever temperate on the Bench, and pleasant, affable, and easily approachable, and hence was well liked by the legal fraternity.