

gether with agricultural implements, etc., etc.; he has a shop devoted especially to slate mantels, which he marbleizes, making an elegant article, for which he finds, as for his other works generally, a ready sale; he puts nothing imperfect on the market.

More than 4,000 tons of iron are consumed yearly in these shops, nearly one-half of it in the car-wheels alone. The charcoal iron for wheels, comes from the United States; the pig and malleable from England principally. The foundry, shops, etc., are all on a liberal scale; the blacksmith shop, for instance, running fifteen fires, and the whole works cover about four acres of ground.

Fifty-three years ago Mr. Harris and his partner commenced with a capital of perhaps \$5,000; Mr. Harris's share being the earnings of his own toil-hardened hands: to-day he is giving employment to about 230 men, mostly skilled mechanics, and is doing annually at least \$200,000; he placed himself in comfortable circumstances years ago, all his accumulations being the fruit of shrewd management and diligence on his own part.

Mr. Harris is a magistrate; has done some work in the town council of Portland, and may have held other civil posts; but he has never been an office-seeker, preferring the quietude of private life; he is president of the Portland branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society, chairman of the board of trustees of the Methodist church, Portland, and a man whose Christian character is far above reproach; he has lived a temperate life; has always been careful of his health and to-day has a clear and active mind in a sound body; his life carries with it a lesson for young men, in industry, abstemiousness, self-control, and true christian manhood.

Mr. Harris was joined in wedlock in 1837, with Miss Louisa Ann Wilson, of Dorchester, N. B., and they have buried one son and one daughter, and have seven daughters living.

ARCHIBALD FITZ RANDOLPH,

FREDERICTON, N.B.

PROMINENT amongst the business men of Fredericton, to whose integrity and sterling worth, the city owes so much, stands A. F. Randolph. For many years a resident of Fredericton, he has proved himself a good citizen, and has lived a life of great industry, thoroughly devoted to his business, which he has managed with great prudence and care and unusual success.

He was born in Digby, Nova Scotia, July 24th, 1833, his father being a merchant of that town. His grandfather was at one time a member of the Legislative Council, and was much respected by his confrères in politics, and by all who knew him.

Our subject was educated at the grammar school of his native town, and at the age of seventeen; having early developed a capacity for a business life, went to St. John and entered the office of E. Stevens, a stove-dealer, as clerk. He held his situation for two years, when thinking to better himself he removed to Fredericton and once more tried his fortune in the office of A. T. Coburn, one of the then leading lumber merchants of the province. He only staid here until 1855, when his ambition prompted him to go into business for himself. With this object in view, he opened a general store, and met with such success that in 1865 he started in the present undertaking, viz.;—wholesale flour and West India goods, now one of the leading houses of its kind in the province.