

a member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, and of the American Society of Civil Engineers, of which body he was president in 1888. He was one of the original members of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, and was the first president of that organization. He has been honoured with election to the Royal Society, and is a member of other important learned societies. For some years past Mr. Keefer has lived in Ottawa. He is one of the executors of the late Thomas McKay, and has managed a considerable portion of that large estate. He is president of the Ottawa City Passenger Railway Company, a director of the Ottawa Gas Company, the Beechwood Cemetery Company, and vice-president of the Dominion Phosphate Company.

HON. DONALD MONTGOMERY.

Park Corner, P. E. I.

HON. DONALD MONTGOMERY, Senator of the Dominion, was born in Princetown, P. E. I., on the 19th of January, 1808. His father was Daniel Montgomery, an Argyllshire Scotchman, one of the pioneers of the island, and his mother, a Miss Penman, a native of New England. It is now more than a century ago that Daniel Montgomery left his native land to seek his fortune in the west, then so little known. Some of his countrymen, people from his own shire, had made their homes in Prince Edward Island, and their prospects, even in those days of tardy industrial development, seemed favourable, so Montgomery decided to follow the example they had set. He was eminently successful, for he achieved not only a comfortable competence but took a position of considerable prominence in the public affairs of the island. He was a leading member of the provincial assembly, representing continuously for thirty-four years the same constituency, that of Prince county. The subject of this sketch was educated in the public school of his native town, and shewed himself in every respect an apt and diligent pupil. After leaving school he engaged in the lumbering business in Restigouche, New Brunswick, in the employ of his elder brothers, who carried on an extensive trade. He engaged in this vocation with the same earnestness which marked his business and political career generally, and soon won a name for himself as the best river man in the county. He was a man moreover of remarkable muscular strength, even among the sturdy sons of the forest with whom he was associated. Returning from New Brunswick to his native province, he settled down on a farm which he has since made one of the best on the island. Mr. Montgomery's political career began in

1838, when he was barely thirty years of age. He contested the riding of Princetown and was returned with a good majority. His course in the assembly so commended him to his constituents that for twenty-four years their allegiance to him remained unbroken, and for the whole of that period he was an honoured and influential member of the house. During one parliamentary term of four years he held the position of Speaker, and discharged the duties of that honourable office in such a manner as to elicit the commendation of both friends and opponents. He retired from the assembly only to take a step in advance to a chair in the legislative council. That body was made elective in 1862, and the first district of Queen's county chose Mr. Montgomery as its representative for the first time. In this election he received the largest property owners' vote ever given up to that time for any candidate in the province. He was elected to the speakership in the first session of his membership in the council, this itself being a marked tribute to the esteem in which he was held as a well-trying and impartial public representative. In a subsequent election he was returned by the people by acclamation, and was again chosen Speaker with equal unanimity by his fellow-members of the House. The honours he thus enjoyed he continued to receive until March, 1874, when he resigned, because in the meantime he had accepted the still more honourable position of Senator of the Dominion of Canada. Mr. Montgomery was called to the Senate among the first appointed from Prince Edward Island on the entrance of the province into the Dominion in October, 1873. On his retirement from the legislative council, the members, without distinction of party, united in presenting him with an address of thanks for his able and impartial conduct in the chair, accompanying their testimonial with the presentation of a handsome gold watch. Mr. Montgomery has been always known as a Conservative, but is reckoned among the moderate men on that side. He opposed his party in Prince Edward Island on the subject of the island railway, not because he was unfavourable to the building of the road (for he was one of the early advocates of the scheme), but because he believed a wrong and wasteful course was being pursued with respect to the letting of the contracts. Though his views did not prevail altogether, the attitude taken by himself and other leading men had its effect in saving a good deal of money to the province. He has pursued the same moderate course since his entrance into the Senate, and though he has taken no leading part in debate, he has given to the public questions a fair consideration, and has voted as his long experience counselled him in the best interest of the country. Notwithstanding his advance in years,