

Mr. Finck was a school trustee several years ago; and has been a magistrate during the last dozen years or more, and High-sheriff of the county since March, 1879.

Prior to accepting a county office, Mr. Finck was somewhat active in politics, he being a Liberal-Conservative, and a man of a good deal of influence. He is captain and paymaster in the 75th battalion, Canada Militia.

Mr. Finck was warden for some years of St. John's episcopal church, and is a liberal contributor to the support of the Gospel, and religious and benevolent enterprises generally.

He married December 1st, 1864, Miss Jane H. Gow, of Perth, Scotland, and they have seven children living, and lost one daughter in infancy.

HON. STAYLEY BROWN,

YARMOUTH, N. S.

JOHN BROWN, who died at Yarmouth in 1863, aged ninety-two years, thus describes his birth-place:—

In the vale of Clyde, about twenty miles above Glasgow, stands the village of Draffan, where my ancestors lived for several generations. They were lairds of a small farm, but the village, which contained in my youth about twenty families, and the land around it (except my grandfather's), belonged to the Dukes of Hamilton, and the family tradition is that the first of the family came into Scotland with the ancestor of the Hamilton family.

Returning in 1796 from a two years' visit to the United States, John Brown married in Glasgow in 1799; in 1813, came out to Halifax, and thence went to Yarmouth, where he opened a store, and he was so well pleased with the place and his prospect for a successful business that he sent to Glasgow for his wife and two sons, Stayley and Robert, whom he met at Halifax, on 28th October, 1815. John Brown continued in business until 1824, when he retired to his farm of "Draffan," three miles distant, which he had bought in 1819. Writing in 1815, he says:—

I had my full share of business, established on a sound foundation, and I might reasonably look forward to its increase now that I had help at hand; for my family, so far from being a burden, were the very means of increase of riches and enjoyment. My eldest son was very soon qualified for any business that occurred to us.

In 1824, Stayley Brown succeeded to his father's business, which he greatly extended, and in 1837, having secured a competency, he retired. Soon after, and for a number of years, he was associated with the late Hon. James Bond in the management of the Yarmouth agency of the Bank of Nova Scotia, and at that period he was a director of the Yarmouth Marine Insurance Association, the first institution of the kind established at Yarmouth, and which still continues in successful operation.

The Yarmouth *Tribune*, of 18th April, 1877, has this record:—

The death of our townsman, the Hon. Stayley Brown, which occurred at Halifax on Saturday last, is an event which demands from our pen something more than a mere passing notice. Coming amongst us a stranger, at an early age, and at a time when our populous town was but a straggling hamlet, Mr. Brown gradually won his way, through the native force and integrity of his character, first to wealth, next to a seat in the legislative council of the province, and lastly to high official position. By his death, one of the few remaining links which connects the present with an earlier generation is severed. The hon. gentleman was born in Glasgow in 1801, and was consequently seventy-six years of age at the time of his death. He came to this country in 1815 with his parents, and with them settled in Yarmouth. Circumstances led him into trade, for which he had a