

senior, in 1760, when three years old; and was sheriff of Queen's county and lieutenant-colonel of a battalion of Nova Scotia militia.

Freeman Tupper received an English education at Liverpool, N.S., and was a ship-builder, ship-owner, West India and lumber merchant and lumber manufacturer, being a very enterprising man.

Mr. Tupper was for many years connected with the militia of the province, and rose, step by step, from lieutenant to lieutenant-colonel. He was appointed a justice of the peace in 1832; custos of Queen's county on the 9th of January, 1849; and a member of the legislative council on the 30th of January, 1861, holding that office until his death on April 19, 1880.

He was a member of the Congregational church, one of the pillars of the society of that name at Milton, and quite active in religious enterprises.

Freeman Tupper owned and occupied the property on which his grandfather settled in 1760, and the house of his son, Nathan Tupper, stands on the same spot as the house built by his great-grandfather in 1761.

Mr. Tupper married Jane Roberts, of Liverpool, and she had seven children, five of whom are still living. The eldest son, Mason, is a magistrate, lumber manufacturer and farmer at Milton; Allen F. is also a lumberman, a merchant and general business man, in the same place; these two having families; and James, the other son, is single. Jane is the wife of Richard Knowles, of Milton; and Jed.dah is living at the same place, unmarried. The Tupperes are one of the leading and most respectable families in the township.

## HON. JAMES WILLIAM JOHNSTON,

HALIFAX, N.S.

THE subject of this sketch was born at Kingston, in the island of Jamaica, on the 29th of August, 1792. At an early age, he was sent to Scotland for his education, and placed under the care of the late Rev. Dr. Duncan, of Ruthwell. His family subsequently removed to Nova Scotia, where Mr. Johnston studied law, and was admitted to the bar of that province in 1815. He commenced the practice of his profession in the village of Kentville; but shortly after removed to Halifax, and entered into partnership with the late Hon. Simon Bradstreet Robie, then among the first practitioners in that province.

Mr. Johnston rose rapidly in his profession, and soon attained the highest rank, which he continued unchallenged to hold until his elevation to the bench of the supreme court of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Johnston had peculiar tact and skill in cross-examination, and in extracting the truth from the most reluctant and perverse witness, while his strong and comprehensive grasp, his memory that seemed ever obedient to his will, and his rapidity of perception, gave him a wonderful readiness at repartee, and enabled him to seize, like lightning, on the mistakes, or unwise or weak arguments, of an opponent, and turn them to the advantage of his own side, and to these he added untiring perseverance and industry. Few of Mr. Johnston's forensic efforts have been preserved, but in cases where the battle was to be fought against wrong and oppression, as notably in the case of Carten against the Archbishop of Halifax, who had ejected him from his pew in the chapel, he was especially powerful, rising to the occasion; his bursts of