

his confrères and many eminent men-of-law, he is looked upon as possessing a more than ordinary ability as a lawyer. He has been crown prosecutor for the district of Saguenay, an office which he filled with commendable zeal, exhibiting an aptitude and knowledge which was appreciated by his immediate superiors. At the last general elections he contested, in the Conservative interest, with the late Mr. Alexis Tremblay, for the representation of the county of Charlevoix, but was defeated by that gentleman. However, on his opponent's death in 1879, he again became a candidate for the seat, having this time for his opponent Mr. Xavier Cimon, whom he defeated. This election however was contested, and although his return was considered legitimate by the court here, it was on the 11th of February last decided against him, by the Supreme Court. Notwithstanding this it is asserted by many that his being unseated should not be attributed to any act of his (Mr. Perrault), and the decision of the Supreme Court in the question has caused an immense amount of chagrin, not only amongst his warm and earnest supporters, but also among many others, as he is regarded as an earnest, sincere and indefatigable representative of the people.

He married on the 30th of Oct., 1873, Miss Maria Louisa, daughter of Benoni Brault, Esq., a highly respected merchant of L'Assomption.

## LOUIS M. COUTLÉE,

AYLMER.

LOUIS MAURILLE COUTLÉE, sheriff of the county of Ottawa, Quebec, is a native of the county of Soulanges, and was born at The Cedars, on the 10th of September, 1811; hence, if alive at the time this volume comes out of the press, he will have rounded up his three score years and ten. He is a son of lieutenant-colonel Louis Pierre Coutlée, whose grandfather came to Canada as a French soldier, by Marie Rose, née Watier. His mother being also a native of The Cedars. Both parents have been dead for many years. His great-grandfather died and was buried at Lavaltrie.

After receiving his primary instruction, our subject was sent to the college at Nicolet, where he took a full course; then learned the mercantile business in Montreal, and followed it at Carrillon, Quebec, and Pembroke, Ontario, until 1850, settling in the township of Hull, near Aylmer, in September of that year.

Here Mr. Coutlée started a saw-mill, and for some years was engaged in manufacturing lumber, being appointed, meanwhile, sheriff in 1852, and still holds that office. He is a painstaking, faithful county official, rarely out of his office from 10 o'clock a. m. till 5 p. m. He is a little under the average height, of compact build, evidently put together to last, and is not unlikely to be one of the officiates at the obsequies of this century.