

leaders in the temperance movement—a life-long teetotaler himself, and an advocate of most stringent measures to suppress the liquor traffic.

His religious connection is with the Baptists, his membership being in the Peterborough Church; he is active in benevolent as well as church matters, and warmly sympathizes with, and stands ready to aid, the poor and unfortunate.

The wife of Mr. Stratton—made so November 6, 1851—was Rosanna, daughter of William Armstrong, formerly of the Township of Cavan, County of Durham, and now of British Columbia, and sister of Hon. William J. Armstrong, late Commissioner of Crown Lands in British Columbia.

Mrs. Stratton is the mother of nine children, five daughters and four sons, all yet living but the oldest daughter, who was the wife of Rev. Isaac Campbell, of Richmond Hill, and died in 1876, James Robert, the oldest son, is the publisher of the *Examiner*, taking that paper when his father became Collector of Customs, and continuing to sustain its high character.

GEORGE STEPHENS,

COBOURG.

GEORGE STEPHENS, late United States Consul at the port of Cobourg, was a native of Schoharrie County, N. Y., and was born December 27, 1805. His parents were George and Sarah (Wood) Stephens, his paternal ancestors being from England; his maternal from Wales, both great-grandfathers coming from the old world. His grandfather fought for the independence of the American colonies.

Our subject received a common school education; at seventeen years of age came to Canada, located at Colborne, and manufactured furniture for several years, till he was burnt out, when he removed to Cobourg. With the exception of two or three years spent at Mishawaka, Ind., he resided here for forty-five years, being engaged all this time in the furniture and piano-forte business, and was a successful manufacturer and merchant.

While General Grant was President he appointed Mr. Stephens Consul at this port, and that office he held at the time of his demise, July 26, 1875.

He served on the Public School Board here for some years, and took pride in aiding to raise the standard of education; he was also a Justice of the Peace for a long period.

From youth he was connected with the Methodist Church, and was a conscientious, consistent member, always found in his place at the meetings of the Church, and usually serving both as Trustee and Steward. He was a man of kindly feelings and generous disposition.

January 31, 1828, Miss Tryphena Merriman, daughter of Joel Merriman, one of the first settlers in Colborne, was joined in wedlock with Mr. Stephens, who at his death left six chil-