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Hon. H. R. Emerson, M. A., L. L. B.

The Athenæum during the college year has presented to its readers portraits and biographical sketches of men who have won high rank in the legal and political world. There are many others who are justly entitled to a place in this Journal, and no doubt succeeding editors will be glad to bring them before the college constituency in this way. We have already presented biographical sketches of Hon. J. W. Johnson, D. C. L., Hon. J. W. Longley, D. C. L., Hon. W. N. Graham, Hon. Neil McLeod, M. A., Hon. Judge Chipman, M. A. and Silas Alward, Q. C., D. C. L.

It affords us much pleasure to present to our readers in this number a portrait and biographical sketch of the Hon. Henry Robert Emmerson, L. L. B. M. A., Premier of New Brunswick, a man whose brilliant career Acadia has watched with growing pride and interest. Mr Emmerson is a son of the late Rev. R. H. Emmerson, Baptist clergyman, and Augusta Read, daughter of the late Joseph Read of Minudie, Cumberland Co., N. S., of English paternal descent, and on mother's side from Loyalists from the American Colonies.

He was born at Maugerville, Sunbury Co., New Brunswick, Sept. 25th, 1853. Educated at St. Joseph's College, (Memramcook) Amherst Academy, (Nova Scotia,) Mount Allison Academy, (Sackville,) English High School, (Boston,) Horton Academy, and Acadia College, (Wolfville.) He first attended Horton Collegiate Academy in 1869, and took a partial course in Acadia College in 1870, and 1871. Studied law in Dorchester, N. B. in the office of the late Sir A. J. Smith, and of late Albert J. Hickman, Q. C. He graduated from Boston University Law School in June 1877, with the degree of L. L. B., and was successful in carrying off the prize of \$50.00 for essay on "the legal condition of Married Women", offered by the Faculty of Boston University, and competed for by members of the graduating class of 1877.

Mr Emmerson was admitted an attorney of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick in Michaelmas Term 1877, and called to the Bar as a Barrister in Michaelmas Term of the Supreme Court in 1878. In 1887 he was nominated by the Liberals of Westmorland Co., N. B. as a candidate for the House of Commons in their interest at the General Elections held in February 1887. His opponent was Josiah Wood, now (Hon. Senator Wood) who was the Conservative Candidate, and defeated Mr Emmerson. In 1878 he was married to Emily C. Record daughter of the late C. B. Record, of Moncton, N. B. Mr Emmerson unsuccessfully contested Albert County for the Commons in the Liberal interest at the General Elections, March 3rd, 1891, his opponent being Dr R. C. Weldon.