

his education was obtained by private study, he acting as his own tutor, both before and while serving as a merchant's clerk. . Going into business for himself in Fredericton, he dealt in general merchandise for about twenty years, retiring in 1856.

For the last twenty-five years Mr. Beek has been constantly in one or more offices connected either with the municipality of the city of Fredericton, or the Province of New Brunswick. He was an alderman for ten or twelve years; mayor for three consecutive tenures, commencing in 1859: judge of the court of common pleas for several years; has been a justice of the peace for a long period; was legislative librarian from 1864 to 1867, and from the latter date has held his present provincial office. His annual report as auditor-general, makes a volume between 300 and 400 pages, and is prepared with a good deal of care. Whatever Mr. Beek does, he seems determined to do well—a very good rule for everybody to follow.

Mr. Beek is a Liberal Conservative in his political views, and in his younger years was an energetic worker for the interests of that party. He is a master mason; a member of the Church of England, and a delegate from the cathedral to the diocesan church society. He has long seen the evils of intemperance, and of late years has been very active in trying to suppress the use of intoxicating liquors, he being a prohibitionist out-and-out, and is president of the provincial lodge of the united temperance association of New Brunswick. He is a man of warm feelings, and a true friend to his brother man.

Mr. Beek has a third wife. The first was Miss Margaret Barker, of Maugerville; the second, Miss Mary Elizabeth Garrison, of St. John, and the third is Emma R., daughter of the Hon. John R. Fartelon, Fredericton. He has two children living by the first wife, and one daughter by the second, and has lost some children by both wives.

JOHN S. LEIGHTON, M.P.P.,

WOODSTOCK, N.B.

JOHN STEWART LEIGHTON, member of the New Brunswick Assembly for the county of Carleton, born in Charlotte county, N. B., on the 8th of November, 1835; his father James Leighton, a farmer, lumberman, and merchant, was born in this province; his grandfather was from England. His mother was Ann Stewart, also a native of New Brunswick. Mr. Leighton was educated in a common country school, and has always been engaged in farming and lumbering, adding merchandise sixteen or seventeen years ago. He resided in the parish of Richmond, Carleton county, from 1864 to 1873, and while there served for four years as county councilor, and kept for some years the way post office at Richmond station, until the cars ceased to run there. He was also a school trustee.

In 1873 Mr. Leighton settled in Woodstock, having a store at Houlton, Maine, as well as at his home. He is a thorough-going business man, full of enterprise, an early riser, and no patron of idleness.

He was elected to the local parliament for Carleton in 1874, and re-elected in 1878, his politics being Liberal. He has favored, from the start, the non-sectarian school system; has had charge of several bills which became the laws of the province, and carried into parliamentary labors the same industry which he manifests in attending to his own private concerns.