

The subject of this sketch has been twice married, first in July, 1856, to Miss Adelaide Allison, of Cornwallis, N. S., she dying in April, 1859, leaving three children; and the second time, in 1863, to Miss Augusta Mack, of Mill Village, Queen's county, N. S., he having by her nine children, eight of them still living. The three children by the first wife still survive her, two of them being sons and settled in life; William, the second son, being a barrister in Liverpool, and John S., the eldest, a farmer in Manitoba. Most of the children by the second wife are pursuing their studies.

### ALEXANDER McCUIISH, M.P.P.,

ST. PETER'S (C.B.), N.S.

THE gentleman whose name heads this sketch, and who is a member of the House of Assembly for the county of Richmond, was born at Loch Lomond (C. B.) N. S., on the third of January, 1843, his parents being Archibald and Jane (McDonald) McCuish; his father was from North Uist, Scotland, his mother from North Uist, Inverness-shire, same country. Archibald McCuish is a thrifty farmer at Loch Lomond; his wife is still living. In his childhood, Alexander had a little drill in the public school in his native town, but his education was obtained mainly outside a school room; he was engaged in farming and mining until about twenty-five years of age, since which time he has been trading, with fishing supplies as a specialty; he has been very industrious, attending carefully to the minutiae of his business, beginning on nothing but a will to do something for himself, and a good mind in a strong body. Pushing steadily forward, success has attended his efforts to place himself in comfortable circumstances; and he is the owner of three schooners, besides his handsome property at St. Peter's.

Mr. McCuish has tried to keep out of office, justice of the peace being the only one he would accept, until 1878, when he was, so to speak, forced to accept the nomination of his Liberal Conservative friends for the seat which he now holds in the local legislature. This he was persuaded to do in order to heal a breach in the party, and secure its success in that constituency. We doubt if legislative work is congenial to his taste; but he is very popular in Richmond county, and may be persuaded to remain in parliament longer than he anticipated doing when he entered it.

Mr. McCuish is a second-degree Mason, and an adherent of the United Presbyterian church. He married on the 1st of April, 1872, Jessie Ann McPhee, daughter of Angus McPhee, of West Bay, Inverness county, N. S., and they have one son and one daughter.

### HON. HUGH McDONALD, Q.C.,

ANTIGONISH, N. S.

IT is safe to say that nearly three-fourths of the men whose names appear in this volume, are the sons of farmers, the subject of this sketch, one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, belonging to that number. His father, Allan McDonald, from the Highlands of Scotland, emigrated to Prince Edward Island, the early part of this century, and finally settled