

He is a director and large stockholder in the Moncton gas light and water company, and in the sugar refinery of the same town.

Mr. Wood is a magistrate, but, we believe, does not act. Three years ago (1878), he was induced to contest Westmoreland for the local assembly, but was defeated. He has never taken an active part in politics, his time being fully occupied with the several branches of his business.

Mr. Wood is a Master Mason, circuit steward of the Methodist church, and one of the board of governors and treasurer of Mount Allison Wesleyan college and academies.

His wife is Laura S., daughter of Thompson Trueman, of Sackville. Their marriage took place in January, 1874. They have three children.

A friend of Mr. Wood, one who has long known him, thus writes to the editor of this work :

Josiah Wood is one of the leading merchants of New Brunswick. As a land-owner and exporter of agricultural products, he probably stands second to none in the province. He is one of those business men who combine, in due proportion, the spirit of caution and the spirit of sagacious speculation, of whom any country may well be proud. His father laid the foundation of a splendid business, which the son's enterprise and skill have extended and confirmed. The train of circumstances which directed Mr. Wood's attention to his present business, undoubtedly drew from the bar of New Brunswick, a member who would have honored it. As a banker, West India merchant and landed-proprietor, his name has a currency and a credit which few men of his age in the Maritime Provinces possess. He is a cultivated gentleman of modest bearing, scholarly tastes, and spotless reputation. Possessed in a high degree of the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens, and filled by his acquirements for efficient public service, Mr. Wood, though personally retiring and unambitious, will probably be called before long to take part in administering the affairs of the country in whose welfare few have so large a stake.

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SYLVESTER Z. EARLE, ex-mayor of St. John, and one of the leading physicians and surgeons in the city, is a native of New Brunswick, a grandson of J. Earle, a U. E. Loyalist, and was born at Kingston, King's county, on the 7th of August, 1822. His father, for whom he was named, was born in Queen's county, New Brunswick; studied medicine in New York; married Maria Hughson of that State; settled in King's county, in this province, when carriage roads were unknown; made his professional rides on horseback, through forests and over bridgeless streams, often going a great distance, and being absent two or three days, and sometimes longer. The old gentleman was for many years a member of the provincial legislature, and one of the best known men in King's county, being noted for his skill and success in his profession, and was greatly esteemed for his many excellent qualities. He died at Hampton in the spring of 1879, in his eighty-sixth year.

Our subject received a grammar school education; studied his profession in the university of New York, when the celebrated Valentine Mott was professor of surgery there, and received from that institution the degree of M.D. in 1844; he practised at Hampton, in his native county, for twenty years, his rides extending over much of the same ground which his father under much less favorable circumstances, had traversed, twenty and thirty years before.

In 1864, Dr. Earle settled in St. John, and is still in practise, having all the professional business that any man of his number of years could reasonably desire; he is as smart and active, seemingly, as ever, and as ambitious to do credit to the profession which his father so much honored.