

adherents to the British Crown, and left the United States on that account. Henry Oakes was born at Huntington, Long Island, in 1772; purchased a large tract of land at Pleasant Valley, which he cultivated with success and profit; was a captain of militia, and an active, enterprising man, dying in 1860 at eighty-seven years of age.

Mr. Oakes received a grammar school education, was a clerk at St. John, N.B., until nineteen years of age, at twenty he commenced the mercantile business for himself at Bridgetown, Annapolis county, where he remained until 1840, and then removed to Digby, retiring in 1862, after a successful business career of nearly a quarter of a century.

Of late years Mr. Oakes has lived a comparatively quiet and easy life, having a small farm near town, which, with other business, occupies his time and attention just enough to afford him healthful exercise and recreation.

He was a school trustee for fifteen or sixteen years, and has been a magistrate for about the same period. He sat for the county of Digby in the House of Commons at Ottawa from the opening of 1874 until called to the Legislative Council in October of the same year, his politics being Liberal.

Mr. Oakes was the prime mover in forming St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal church (1876), of which he is the most liberal supporter.

He was married at Digby, to Georgiana Jane Maria, daughter of George Bragg, Esq., formerly of Birmingham, Eng., and they have three children, two sons and a daughter. George B., the eldest son, is a physician at Digby.

WILLIAM Y. FOSTER.

BRIDGETOWN, N.S.

WILLIAM YOUNG FOSTER, one of the longest residents of Bridgetown, and deputy clerk of the county court, and treasurer of the county of Annapolis, was born in the township of Granville, in this county, on the 22nd of May, 1806. His father, Ezra Farnsworth Foster, was also born in that township, he being a son of a United Empire Loyalist from the States and one of the pioneer settlers in Granville. Both father and grandfather were farmers, and the former was at one period first-lieutenant of a militia company. The mother of William was Susanna Troop, a native of this province, and daughter of John Troop, of Dutch descent. Both parents died at Aylford, his father in his 92nd and his mother in her 96th year.

Mr. Foster received his education in a country school; farmed until nearly of age; clerked a while in a store at Bridgetown, and was then in partnership for three years with a man engaged in the mercantile trade and ship-building. A little later (1847), Mr. Foster resumed mercantile pursuits alone, and followed them until 1865 when he closed out.

He has been a magistrate for several years, deputy-clerk of the county court nearly as long, and treasurer of the county since October, 1878, he being a straightforward, accurate and perfectly reliable business man. He was for some years treasurer of a local agricultural society.

In former years he was somewhat active in political life; favored Confederation, and in 1867 contested Annapolis county on the Conservative side for the House of Assembly and was defeated.