

munity well-represented by such a class. He is a county coroner, and a commissioner for taking special bail in the supreme court of New Brunswick.

Col. Babbit is a member of the Canning Baptist church, and quite active in religious and reformatory work; being secretary of the united temperance association of New Brunswick, and one of the foremost men, as a private worker, in that noble enterprise.

He married, on July 6th, 1854, Ella L. Currey, daughter of deacon John Currey, in his day one of the pillars of the Canning Baptist church, and they have had five children, all yet living but one daughter.

Col. Babbit is living a somewhat quiet life, attending faithfully to his official duties, but his influence in the social circle is strong, and wholly on the side of order, sobriety, and whatever tends to the welfare of the community.

HON. WILLIAM TODD,

ST. STEPHEN, N.B.

WILLIAM TODD, whose long and active participation in the commercial, moral, and educational movements of his adopted country, entitles him to a prominent place in any record of the public men of New Brunswick, was born on the 10th day of July, 1803, in North Yarmouth, in the county of Cumberland, and State of Maine. His father, William Todd, of Scotch and Irish ancestry, was born in Goffstown, New Hampshire. His mother, whose maiden name was Hannah Worthley, was of English descent, and a native of North Yarmouth.

In the early years of the century, William Todd, sen., was engaged in ship-building at North Yarmouth, his operations being, for those times, on quite an extensive scale. Meeting with heavy losses, he retired from business, and, removing to New Brunswick, settled at St. Stephen, in the valley of the St. Croix river, in the year 1811. His family consisted of five sons, and five daughters, of whom seven came with their parents from the State of Maine, and three were born in St. Stephen. They all settled on the St. Croix. Some of them became prominent by their business enterprise and success, and were among the most active promoters of every movement that sought to develop the resources of the valley, and its neighboring country.

The subject of this sketch had only a common school education, but his thoughtful and inquiring mind created opportunities of personal culture, while the exigencies of the time, and the responsibilities that early came upon him, called out all his faculties, and developed a man of sterling character, and large resource. In early manhood, he entered upon a business life in Milltown, which he followed with activity until about fifty years of age, being chiefly engaged during that period in the manufacture and exportation of lumber. In this pursuit he achieved a satisfactory success. As a business man, he maintained a character of high integrity, his dealings being uniformly governed by a strict regard to the principles of justice and honor. While yet in the prime of life, he passed over this manufacturing business to a son, and thenceforth largely employed his attention and capital in enterprises connected with public interests. The reputation already acquired for sagacity and integrity, not less than the resources at his command, caused his aid to be sought for in any work pertaining to the growth and welfare of the neighborhood, or of the country at large.