

## REV. JOHN C. OSBORNE.

John C. Osborne died on Wednesday, August 14th, 1889, at his late residence, 161 Cambridge Street, Ottawa. The deceased minister was born in the township of Sophiasburg, Prince Edward county, on October 16th, 1819. In 1846 he joined the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, and for forty one continuous years performed the arduous duties of a Methodist preacher, thirty of which were spent on Circuits to which he was appointed, including Bowmanville, Brighton, Lindsay, Sydney, Clarendon, Onslow, Wakefield, etc. For eleven years he labored in a supernumerary and a located relation. In 1887, on account of failing health, he was superannuated, and selected Ottawa as a place of retirement. For the last two years he failed gradually, but surely, and in spite of medical and domestic care, he gradually sank down to infantile weakness, and quietly passed away. He leaves a widow, six sons and a daughter. He has secured for his boys commercial, collegiate and university advantages; one has entered the Methodist ministry, and his daughter is married to a useful minister in the United States. As a man and a minister he was cautious, conscientious and careful of the interests of others, truly brotherly to men alike in the lay and ministerial ranks. He was what people called a Methodist preacher of the old stamp; thoughtful, earnest, laborious, a preacher of the plain Gospel. On the premises, 161 Cambridge Street, Ottawa, his late residence, is that which should be of interest to many an old Methodist, namely, the well-worn saddle on which the tired veteran preacher rode through the Canadian woods to minister to the spiritual wants of the new settlers. He used it forty-one years. A memorial service was held at his late residence Friday afternoon, just prior to the removal of the body. Ten brother ministers were present. The service was conducted by the Rev. Geo. McRitchie, Chairman of the District. He was buried at Shawville, which was one of his last fields of labor.