

it for a cemetery, and part for pleasure grounds; and by the aid of an assistant, whom he always has, he has built ten churches, located from ten to twenty-five miles from Fredericton; he has also more than twenty missions to which he attends; and hence it is almost needless to state that he is very active in his Master's cause.

Mr. McDevitt is a frequent contributor to the secular as well as religious press, though we doubt if this fact is generally known, even among his intimate friends; and it is doubtful if he will thank the writer for making this statement to the public; for Mr. McDevitt is evidently not working for this world's applause. Parties who do know his writings, are aware that in dealing with a subject, he comes directly to the point, and wields a trenchant pen.

HON. ALEXANDER McLEOD SEELY, M.L.C.,

ST. JOHN, N.B.

ALEXANDER McLEOD SEELY, president of the Legislative Council of New Brunswick, was born in the city of St. John, in 1811, his father being Seth Seely, junior, and his grandfather, Seth Seely, senior. The latter was a loyalist from Stamford, Conn. Alexander was educated in the public schools of St. John, and was early engaged in surveying lumber, and a little later, in its manufacture in his own mills. At one period, he was also a ship-builder and merchant, showing great energy as a business man. For several years he was president of the Commercial Bank of New Brunswick, and is a director of the International Steamship Company.

He was called to the Legislative Council in 1854, and was elected its president in 1879, his politics being Liberal. He is a member of the senate of the university of New Brunswick.

Mr. Seely is vice-president of the New Brunswick Baptist education society, president of the New Brunswick Baptist home mission, and vice-president of the Baptist convention of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. He has also been president of the St. John religious tract society, and is a man of high Christian character. Latterly his usefulness has been greatly diminished by feeble health.

Mr. Seely has had two wives, and has four children living by each of them.

GEORGE HADDON, M.D.,

DALHOUSIE, N.B.

GEORGE HADDON, representing Restigouche county, N. B., in the House of Commons, is a son of Robert Haddon, from Ayrshire, Scotland, and dates his birth at Douglastown, Miramichi, N. B., on the 10th December, 1833, his mother being Elizabeth Taylor, of Chatham, N. B. He received his mental drill at the Northumberland grammar school; was clerk for ten or eleven years at Chatham, Restigouche and Miramichi, and commenced business for himself at Dalhousie, in 1859, merchandising and canning fish, adding shipbuilding on a moderate scale, in 1863. At present he is a general merchant, and dealer in fresh and canned fish.