

paper correspondent, is the 2nd s. of Commander Pocock, R.N., lately of Brockville and Toronto. B. at Tenby, Wales, Nov. 9, 1865, he left sch. at 15, and after coming to Can. attended the Agricul. Coll., Guelph, Ont. At 19 he enlisted in the N.-W. Mounted Police; but being disabled by frost-bite during the Riel rebellion, was invalided, Nov., 1886. While in the C. S. at Ottawa, he published a volume of stories: "Tales of Western Life." Subsequently, while in B. C., he was chosen special correspondent of the *Montreal Witness*, to report the Skeena troubles; later, he was employed in investigating alleged cannibalism among the Qua-qutl tribes. In the spring of 1890 he was sent by the merchants of Victoria, B.C., to write up the Kootenay mines. He returned to Eng., 1891, produced "Rules of the Game," and has other books in press. He is a contributor to *Chapman's Mag.*—London, Eng.

**POIRIER, Hon. Pascal**, Senator, belongs to a French-Acadian family, whose ancestors were expelled from Grand Pré, 1755. B. at Shediac, N.B., Feb. 15, 1852, he was ed. at St. Joseph's, Memramcook (M.A.), and was called to the bar, P. Q., 1877, and to that of N. B., 1887. He was postmaster, Ho. of Commons, 1872-85, when he was called to the Senate of Can., as one of the representatives of N. B. Mr. P. is well known for his literary tastes and studies, and has written "L'Origine des Acadiens" and some meritorious dramatic pieces. He is Presdt. of the Soc. de L'Assomption, the national society of the Acadians; and was formerly Presdt. of *L'Inst. Canadien*, Ottawa, and of the Mineral Soc. of the Univ. of Ottawa. Politically, he is a Lib. Con., but longs to see the political unity of the Dom., without destroying the diversity in religion and language of its constituent elements. In religion, a R. C., he m. 1879, Miss Anna Lusignan, Montreal, a sister of the well-known Can. *littérateur*.—*Shediac, N.B.*

"The recognized leader of the Acadians; a brilliant speaker and active legislator."—*J. P. Edwards.*

**POISSON, Adolphe**, poet, was b. at Gentilly, P.Q., Mch. 14, 1849. Ed. at the Quebec Semy. and at Nicolet Coll., he was called to the bar, 1873, and, in the same year, was apptd. to the office he now fills, Regr. of the Co. of Arthabaska. In 1894 he was elected Presdt. of the Provl. Registrars' Assn. Mr. P. possesses an established reputation in the literary world, having for yrs. been a valued contributor of verse to the French-Can. press. In addition, he has published two volumes: "Chants Canadiens" (1880), and "Heurs Perdues" (1894). In acknowledgment of his literary services he received from Laval Univ., 1890, the hon. degree of Lit.D. In religion, a R. Q., he m. Oct., 1882, Amélie, 3rd dau. of A. Côté, Quebec. Politically, he is a Con.—*Arthabaskaville, P.Q.*

"He unites to elegant clearness of style the enthusiasm which is the sacred fire of poetry."—*Rev. du Monde Cath.*

**POLLARD, Rev. Henry** (Ch. of Eng.), was b. in Exeter, Devon, Eng. He was ed. at Exeter Grammar Sch., and afterwards attended St. Augustine's Coll., Canterbury, where he took 1st class honours in Theol., Classics and Math., and 2nd class honours in Hebrew. He was ordained deacon at Fredericton, 1858, and priest, 1859. Apptd. curate of St. Stephen, he was elected Rector of Maugerville and Burton, 1861. In 1869 he removed to Ont., and was made curate of Christ Ch., Ottawa. In 1871, on the removal to Ottawa of Archbp. Lewis, he was apptd. Bishop's Curate at the Bishop's Chapel in that city, now known as St. John's Ch. Of this ch., which is the only consecrated ch. at the Capital, he was appointed rector, 1877. Mr. P. has held the office of R. D. of Prescott and Russell for many yrs., and was apptd. in 1897, a canon of Christ Ch. Cath. He m. Nov., 1859, Annie M., dau. of Wm. Porter, M.P.R., St. Stephen.—*St. John's Rectory, Ottawa.*