

miles from the village, he was employed as a clerk and part of the time as agent of the charcoal iron works; besides being a lumber merchant, and was thus employed when, in 1861, he was elected to the local legislature for Carleton. After serving in that body for three terms he resigned to accept the office of registrar of deeds, made vacant by the death of George A. Bedell. That office, as already intimated, he still holds, and he is very punctual in discharging its duties. He takes pleasure in being prompt, and in obliging people, and is a popular county official. The lumber business which he commenced in 1858, he continued until 1876, and showed a great deal of enterprise in that line.

Mr. Munro has usually been independent in politics, with Liberal Conservative leanings; is a third-degree Mason, an elder of the kirk, and a man of good moral character.

He has been twice married; first in 1837 to Mrs. Sophia Cannon, of Fairfield, Maine, she dying in 1847; and the second time in 1854 to Miss Caroline Rose, a native of Kingsclear, York Co., N. B. He has a daughter Sophia, and two sons, George and William, living by the first wife, all married and living in Bangor, Maine, and five sons and four daughters by the present wife. Donald is deputy registrar in his father's office; David is in the Woodstock branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia; James and Charles are merchants' clerks in Woodstock; Mary is a teacher in the public schools of Woodstock, and most of the others are pursuing their studies.

LIEUT.-COL. ROBERT T. BABBIT,

GAGETOWN, N.B.

ROBERT THORNE BABBIT, registrar of deeds for the county of Queen's, N.B., was born and has always lived in Gagetown, except nine years residence in Canning, Q.C., dating his birth on the 27th of September, 1831. His father, Elkanah Babbit, was born in the same township. His paternal grandfather was a Loyalist. The mother of Robert was Dorothy Creighton, a native of New Brunswick. He lost his father when he was five years old, and went to live with a farmer with whom he remained for seven years, at the end of which time he became an apprentice to the harness-maker's trade, which he followed in all about a dozen years. He then commenced merchandizing at Upper Gagetown, and was also engaged for a period of three years in the construction of the European and North American railway from St. John westward, being then in the employ of E. R. Burpee, Esq.

In 1866 Mr. Babbit was elected to the House of Assembly for the county of Queen's, and after the first year took a bold stand in opposition to the government, and was quite prominent on that side of the House, he being a decided Liberal. He was re-elected in 1870 and resigned in March, 1871, to accept the office of registrar of deeds, which, as already intimated, he still holds, and the duties of which he is performing with promptness and care.

Mr. Babbit has been connected with the militia of the province for a long time, going in as a private and being promoted through every grade to Lieut.-Colonel, which rank he now holds in the Queen's county militia.

Col. Babbit takes a good deal of interest in educational matters, and has served as a school trustee at different times—never, in fact, we believe, declining any office where he could be of use to society. He may be called a thorough-going, public-spirited citizen, and happy the com-