

In 1880 Mr. Dawson took his oldest son into business with him. He has been a magistrate for more than twenty years; served in the city council eight or ten years; has been a member of the city school board since 1877, and is serving his fourth year as mayor of the city; his fine business talents and executive capacities, admirably fit him for the position which he occupies, and make him a very useful as well as popular chief magistrate of the municipality. Mayor Dawson was one of the originators of the Union Bank of Charlottetown, and has been one of its directors from the start.

Mr. Dawson is a member of the Methodist church, and has been society and church recording steward for more than a quarter of a century, class-leader for eight years, and a Sunday-school worker since 1852, serving part of the time as superintendent; he is also one of the vice-presidents of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Mayor Dawson married, on the 29th of June, 1855, Ann Farrent Compton, daughter of William Spencer Compton, and has eight children living, and has buried two. The eldest son, Eddison William, is married, and his business has already been mentioned; Ernest Frederick, the second son, is an engineer in the civil service of the Bombay Presidency, India, and the other children are at home, most of them pursuing their studies. Mrs. Dawson died very suddenly on the 12th of March, 1880; her husband left her well at half-past six o'clock in the evening to attend to some official business in the council chamber, and a little before 9 o'clock was summoned home, and, when he reached the house, she was dead. She was a most estimable Christian wife and mother, and her loss was a serious one to the community.

## HON. JAMES YEO, M.P.,

PORTHILL, P.E.I.

**A**MONG the historical families of Prince Edward Island, are the Yeos, the progenitor of that family in that island being James Yeo, senior, who came out from Devonshire, England, in 1827, and settled at Porthill. He was a prominent business man there for more than forty years; was largely engaged in general business—ship building, farming, milling, mercantile pursuits and lumbering, and was for thirty years a member of the Provincial Assembly. He married Miss Damrus Sargent, who was also from Devonshire, England, and had by her six children, two sons and four daughters; he died in 1868, and his wife died three months earlier in the same year.

James Yeo, jr., the subject of this notice, who represents the county of Prince in the Dominion Parliament, was the second son of Hon. James Yeo, senior, and was born at Porthill, on the 31st of October, 1832. He was educated at the grammar school in Charlottetown, in his native province, and is a merchant, flour and lumber manufacturer, and ship-owner, building vessels every year; he is a thorough-going business man, and a magistrate; has served at times as a school trustee, and, like his father, has a liberal share of public spirit, together with a great deal of enterprise.

Mr. Yeo was elected to the Provincial Assembly, in which his honored father had occupied a seat so long, in 1872, and sat during that year in the Executive Council; was first returned to the House of Commons on Prince Edward Island entering the Dominion, in September, 1873, and was re-elected at the general elections in 1874 and 1878. He is a liberal, and when his party