

some property in Westchester (N.Y.), came to New Brunswick, and settled at Dorchester, county of Westmoreland. Our subject was born at Sackville, in that county on the 28th of August, 1820. The name of his parents, etc., may be found in a sketch of his elder brother, Martin B. Palmer, found in this work.

Judge Palmer was educated in the Sackville grammar school, principally under the instruction of that excellent teacher, Mr. Ross, now at the head of Dalhousie college, Halifax, N.S. He studied law with the Hon. E. B. Chandler, late governor of New Brunswick; was admitted to practice as an attorney in 1844; and called to the bar in 1846, and practised at Dorchester until 1867, in which year he was created a Queen's Counsel and removed to St. John, which has since been his home. He was president of the bar association of New Brunswick for five or six years and while he remained in practice stood in the front rank among the lawyers of the province, being in fact considered the strongest in the province.

Prior to Confederation, Mr. Palmer twice contested unsuccessfully Westmoreland county in that interest; was also an unsuccessful candidate for St John city in the local legislature, in 1870; was elected to the House of Commons for the city and county of St. John, at the general election in 1872, and re-elected in 1874, serving through the second and third parliaments, and was succeeded by Charles W. Welden. The appointment of judge of equity is dated in May, 1879. Judge Palmer is the author of the bill abolishing the usury laws, which passed the Dominion Parliament in April, 1875. His politics are Liberal Conservative.

As a judge he is accommodating, painstaking and sound, doing credit to the ermine.

Judge Palmer is a director of the maritime bank; a trustee of the Centenary Methodist church, and a man of much decision and stability of character.

The wife of Judge Palmer was Martha Ann Welden, oldest daughter of Andrew Welden, Esq., of Dorchester, and niece of Judge Welden of the supreme court of New Brunswick, their marriage being dated in 1850. They have buried one son, and have a son and daughter living; Charles is a barrister at St. John, and Fannie E. is at home.

JOHN WALLACE,

HILLSBOROUGH, N.B.

JOHN WALLACE, an enterprising farmer and manufacturer, and formerly a member of the House of Commons, was born where he now resides, on the 18th of November, 1821. His grandfather for whom he was named, emigrated from Donegal, north of Ireland, to Nova Scotia in 1768; lived at Horton in that province until 1789, when he removed to Hopewell, New Brunswick, and finally died at Coverdale, on the Petitcodiac river, in 1835, aged 97 years. This grandparent married Miss Catherine Cochran, who was also from the north of Ireland, and she had ten children, dying in 1812.

The father of our subject was James Wallace, who married Catherine Copp, and was an enterprising farmer, dying at Hillsborough in 1853. His wife had eleven children, and died a few months after her husband; John, the tenth child, was educated in the school of Hillsborough, and has been a farmer all his life. He was also engaged a while in mercantile pursuits. His farm comprises 250 acres, largely under improvement, and is one of the best farms in the township of Hillsborough, having every indication of thrift and fine tillage.