

Our subject was educated at the New Glasgow grammar school and the Pictou academy; studied law with Hon. James McDonald, now Chief Justice of Nova Scotia; was called to the bar of Nova Scotia in August, 1864, and up to a recent date was in practice in Pictou, making an honorable record as a barrister. He is a good logician, and an able speaker, and makes a very favorable impression before a jury.

Mr. Holmes was for fourteen years editor and proprietor of the *Colonial Standard*, Pictou, an outspoken Liberal Conservative paper, which he conducted with marked ability, and which had a great influence in shaping the politics of the county.

Mr. Holmes was an unsuccessful candidate for the county of Pictou at the general election in 1867; was again a candidate for his present seat, at the general election of 1871; was re-elected by acclamation in 1874, when he was selected as leader of the Opposition; and by contest in 1878, and was called upon to form the present administration, of which he became provincial secretary on the 1st of October, 1878. He is premier, and a man of great tact.

He joined the volunteers of the province when a young man, and rose to the rank of captain; was subsequently captain of militia, and was promoted to the rank of major, and resigned on being elected to parliament.

DONALD ARCHIBALD,

MUSQUODOBOIT, N. S.

DONALD ARCHIBALD, warden of the county of Halifax, which he represented for eight years in the local legislature, is one of the self-educated men of the county, being born at Musquodoboit, on the 16th of August, 1840. His parents were Matthew and Jane (Grant) Archibald, his father being a grandson of one of the four Archibalds, who settled at Truro. His mother's family were from Inverness-shire, Scotland. His maternal grandfather, Daniel Grant, after whom he was named, served for fifteen years in the British army, when he received his discharge, and emigrating, settled in Lower Musquodoboit, County of Halifax.

Donald was reared on his father's farm, attending school until thirteen years of age, when, owing to his father's failing of health, he had to close his books, very much to his regret, and give his whole time to the farm. He remained at home until twenty years of age, when gold being discovered in Nova Scotia, he went to try his luck in the mines. After spending two years in prospecting, he purchased a farm in the township of Musquodoboit, about twelve miles from his birth-place, where he still resides, engaged in agricultural pursuits, giving considerable time, also, during the last two years to mining speculations. He is a thorough-going business man.

At the age of twenty-three years, Mr. Archibald, at the unanimous recommendation of the freeholds of his district, was appointed by the Government a justice of the peace, an office which he still holds. He was elected to the Legislative Assembly, to represent his native county, in 1871, when only thirty-one years of age; was re-elected in 1874, and offered himself again in 1878, but was defeated, it being a disastrous year to the Liberal party, to which he belongs.

Mr. Archibald is a worker in whatever he is engaged, and while in the Legislature took a very active part in furthering the agricultural interests of the Province, and in improving the roads and bridges in the county of Halifax. He was unanimously elected councillor of his