

one days. The return journey was made in winter, leaving Fort Simpson, December 5, with a cariole, two dog trains, a clerk, interpreter and two men. It occupied fifty-four days. Not a mishap occurred either way. Mr. Christie was appointed by the government in 1874, commissioner to negotiate a treaty with the Plain Indians. His co-commissioners were the Hon. D. Laird and Hon. Alex. Morris, and the treaty was satisfactorily concluded at Fort Qu'Appelle in that year. In 1875, Mr. Christie again visited the North West territory alone in his capacity as commissioner, to secure the adhesion of the chiefs who were absent when the treaty was made. This he accomplished. In 1876 he was again appointed Indian commissioner, having as conferees Hon. A. Morris and Hon. Mr. McKay, to conclude a treaty with the Plain Crees of the Saskatchewan, and which treaty being effected is known to history as treaty number six. A few years subsequently, he was offered the appointment of Indian Commissioner, in the North-West Territory, but wishing retirement after an active life, he declined acceptance. Mr. Christie was peculiarly fitted for this position, as about twenty years of his life while in the Hudson Bay service was spent in dealing with the Plain Indians, during which time he became thoroughly conversant with their language, and also understood the peculiar traits of the Indian character. Notwithstanding the arduous life he has lived, he is full of enthusiasm as to the future of the North-West, so much so, that three of his sons now are occupying positions in the Hudson Bay service. In religion he is a Presbyterian. Mr. Christie's beautiful villa, at Brockville, is known as Edgar place.

Dodd, Murray, Q.C., M.P., for Cape Breton, Sydney, was born at Sydney, on the 23rd May, 1843. He is a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families in Canada. His grandfather, the Hon. Archibald Charles Dodd, came to Cape Breton, from England, in 1784, and was shortly afterwards appointed president of the Council of the Island of Cape Breton. He was subsequently appointed chief justice, and while acting as such administered the government of the island for a period. Murray Dodd is a son of the Hon. Edmund Murray Dodd, who was judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia for twenty-six years, by Caroline Maria, daughter of the late John Ritchie of Sydney. He received his early educational instruction at Sydney, and afterwards proceeded to Sackville, New Brunswick,

where he completed his studies. On leaving Sackville, he entered upon the study of law at Sydney, in the office of D. N. MacQueen, Q.C., and on the 2nd May, 1865, was called to the bar of Nova Scotia, when he at once began to practice his profession at Sydney. His ability was not of the ordinary kind, and it was acknowledged that he was well versed in the law; so that it is not surprising to learn that he was soon in the front rank of his profession. On the 1st of October, 1867, he was appointed registrar of the Court of Probate for the County of Cape Breton, holding this office till 1872, when he was appointed judge of probate for the same county. In October, 1879, he resigned the judgeship of probate to contest the County of Cape Breton for the House of Commons; but he was defeated. In the following year he was invested with the Counsellors silken gown; and at the last general election he achieved the object of his ambition, by being elected for his native county, Cape Breton. Mr. Dodd has much energy, and he is a man who, without ostentation, established himself in a prominent place in the House of Commons; and his constituents have in him a useful, devoted and influential representative. He married at Sydney Mines, on the 18th December, 1879, Laura Isabel, second daughter of Blowers Archibald, of that place.

Gwynne, Hon. John Wellington, Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Ottawa, was born at Cable Knock, in the County of Dublin, Ireland, on the 30th of March, 1814. He is a son of the late Rev. William Gwynne, D.D. and of Eliza his wife, who was a daughter of the Rev. N. Nelson, Dunshaughlin, County of Meath, Ireland. He entered Trinity College, Dublin, July, 1828. In 1832, when young Gwynne was in his eighteenth year, he arrived in Canada, at once commenced the study of the law in the office of Thomas Kirkpatrick, barrister of Kingston, and in 1837, in Trinity term, he was called to the bar of Upper Canada. At the general election of 1847, he offered himself as a candidate for Huron in the Legislative Assembly of Canada; but he was unsuccessful. In July, 1852, he married Julia, the youngest daughter of the late Dr. Durie, K.H. of Craighluscar. In November, 1868, he was appointed a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Ontario. In 1879 he was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of Canada. Himself and his family are members of the Episcopal Church.