

of architecture, and will seat nearly 700 persons. The property of this parish is valued at \$40,000. There are in the parish two handsome Sunday school-houses.

Mr. Moody married, on the 14th of September, 1830, Sarah Bond, eldest daughter of the late H. G. Farrish, M.D., of Yarmouth. They celebrated their golden wedding on September 14, 1880. They have had nine children, only four of whom, three daughters and one son, are now living. James C., the only surviving son, is a graduate of the college of physicians and surgeons, of New York, and has been in extensive practice for many years at Richibucto, N.S.

HON. ROBERT BOAK, M.L.C.,

HALIFAX, N. S.

ROBERT BOAK, president of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, and until quite recently a trader in West India goods, was born in Leith, Scotland, on the 19th of September, 1822. His father, Robert Boak, senior, was from Shields, county of Durham, England. The maiden name of his mother was Mary Ann Baxter.

He received a common English education, fitting himself for mercantile business. He was a clerk in early life, holding that post until January 1, 1847, when he commenced business in the firm of John Essen and Co., which in 1854 was changed to Essen, Boak and Co., dealing all the time in West India goods and acting as commission merchants. Mr. Boak has always managed his business with prudence, retiring in 1875.

As Mr. Boak has been a careful manager of his own private affairs, the public has seen fit to entrust him with more or less of its business. He is at this time president of the Acadia Fire Insurance Co.; was at one time president of the Merchants' Insurance Co.; is vice-president of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, and of the Nova Scotia Chamber of Commerce; a director of the Union Bank of Halifax, and was president of the Repeal League of 1867-1868. In all the public positions in which he has been placed, he has shown himself eminently trustworthy.

He was called to the Legislative Council on the 21st of February, 1872, and is now its president. His politics are Liberal.

HON. SIMON H. HOLMES,

HALIFAX, N.S.

SIMON HUGH HOLMES, provincial secretary of Nova Scotia, was born near Springville, East River township, county of Pictou, on the 30th of July, 1831; his parents being the Hon. John Holmes, and Catherine Fraser, his wife. The latter was a native of Nova Scotia; the former came from Ross-shire, Scotland, to this province in 1803. John Holmes was born in 1783; represented Pictou county in the Nova Scotia legislature from 1839 to 1847 and from 1851 to 1855; appointed to the Legislative Council in 1858; and to the Senate at the time of the Confederation, in 1867.