

which the latter were defeated, and had to retire with their dead and wounded. After a time he was liberated on bail.

The year 1838 was the most eventful period of his career, when he played a conspicuous part in the affairs of his country, and figures in its history for that period. He was induced by a number of dissatisfied and disloyal persons of Canada, as well as some "sympathisers" from the States, to take up arms against his country, and thus entered into the chimerical scheme of invading Canada. He was chosen President of the Republic, as it was termed, and issued a long Proclamation, which bears his name as such, which our readers will find in Christie's History of Canada. He commanded at Odelltown; the attempt proved abortive, and awfully disastrous to those engaged in it. His property was seized and sold, and he was compelled to leave the country, and proceeded to California, where by patient industry he amassed a considerable fortune. After years of practice he left for New York, on a visit; and on his return found that all his hard earned savings had again been lost, through being carelessly managed by his agent in his absence. He again returned to New York, and after an absence of three years in Europe, where Mrs. Nelson died, he again returned and practiced as a consulting physician and surgeon, up to some four years ago, when he retired, on a handsome competence, as we have already stated, to a beautiful residence, that he had erected on his private property on Staten Island.

Robert's brothers Wolfred and John also studied medicine, all three obtaining licenses to practice from the Medical Board, as it was then termed, of the City of Montreal, in the early part of this century. He was the third son of the late Mr. William Nelson, a native of Newsham, England, and a grandson of the late Mr. George Nelson, of Shields, England. He was named after a great uncle, Robert Nelson, one of the projectors and the architect of the original London Bridge over the Thames. His brother, Dr. John, was drowned, while crossing from Sorel to Berthier, in 1833. The late Dr. Wolfred Nelson, the late Mayor, Chairman of Board of Prison Inspectors, etc., etc., died in 1863.

His grandfather, George, was a first cousin of Lord Nelson's, with whom he played in his youth. The family is connected with the Heads—the family of our late Governor General, Sir Edmund Head.

Dr. Robert Nelson was a man of small figure, active and energetic, with a quick piercing eye, eccentric in habit and manner, concise in his way of speaking, his remarks being few and full of meaning,

and to the point, as many of his former confreres and political adversaries could testify.

To this date, there have been eight doctors in the family. Of the sons of the late Dr. Wolfred, Dr. Horace, formerly Professor of Practice of Medicine in the old St. Lawrence School, died in Dec., 1863, and Dr. Alfred Nelson in February of this year; the remaining three are practicing. Dr. Henry Nelson, in Sacramento, California, Dr. Eugène Nelson, in New York, and Dr. Wolfred Nelson, St. James Place, in this City.—*Communicated.*

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CHARLES PICAULT, M.D.

Not a few will hear with regret that Dr. Charles Picault is no more. After an illness—not of very long duration—he expired on the 23rd of March, and on Wednesday, the 26th, his remains were followed to their last resting place in the Catholic Cemetery, Cote des Neiges, by a large number of sorrowing friends. Charles Picault, M.D., was the son of Dr. P. E. Picault, for a great many years a practitioner in Montreal. He pursued his studies at McGill College, and graduated in 1857, since which time he practised in connection with his father. He was warm-hearted and impulsive, and among his fellow-students at College was a universal favorite.

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PERSONAL:

Dr. Lewis G. Hunt, graduate of McGill College, 1871, is at present in charge of a practice in Stockbridge, Hull, near Sheffield, England. We, however, believe, that it is his intention to return to his native city, Halifax, N.S., during the course of the ensuing summer.

We understand that the Hon. Dr. McNeill Parker has returned to Halifax, after a year and a half passed in Europe, principally in Edinburgh.

Dr. Wallace Clarke (M.D. McGill College, 1871) now of Marquette, Michigan, was in Montreal last month, on a visit to his friends. We are glad to hear of his success in the West.

Dr. Geo. Ross, late House Surgeon of the Montreal General Hospital, has been appointed Professor of Clinical Medicine in McGill College, and Dr. Roddick, the present House Surgeon of the Montreal General Hospital, has been appointed lecturer on Hygiene in McGill College.

J. Baker Edwards, Ph.D., D.C.L., Professor of Chemistry in the University of Bishops College, has resigned his chair, owing to ill health. He how-