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Judge Kelly received his appointment to the bench, as successor to Judge Pope, deceased, on the 24th of October, 1879. When he was appointed to that honorable position, The Presbyterian, published at Charlottetown, warmly congratulated him on his appointment, and the press generally of the island did the same. The Daily Examiner, of Charlottetown, of October 25, 1879, said: "Mr. Kelly will, we believe, be a good judge. He is, if we mistake him not, emphatically a 'fair-minded man' and his dignified bearing, his moderation and urbanity, together with his sound judgment, will appear to advantage in the high and responsible office to which he has been called. We heartily congratulate His Honor Judge Kelly." From the Progress, Oct. 25, 1879: "We are extremely gratified to learn that Thomas Kelly, Esq., of this town, has been appointed to the judgeship. The appointment is both popular and deserved. The news of his promotion to a seat on the bench, while not unexpected, will be received with approbation by the great majority of the people of this county. We beg to congratulate Judge Kelly on his elevation, and wish him a long and useful career." From the Argus, Oct. 28, 1879: "Mr. Kelly's appointment will, we believe, be a popular one, and we have no doubt that he will prove a worthy successor to the late lamented Judge Pope. He is possessed of good abilties, and has the reputation of being a fair minded man."

In December, 1880, Judge Kelly was appointed, with the judges of the supreme court, a commissioner to swear in Dominion officials in Prince Edward Island.

Judge Kelly is a member of the Roman Catholic church, and a gentleman of irreproachable character.

He was first married in September, 1867, to Mary Emeline, daughter of Henry Eskildson, of New York, she dying in October, 1868, leaving one child; and the second time in November, 1871, to Marianne H. daughter of the late William A. Campbell, barrister, Toronto, Ont., having by her three children. Residence, "The Priory," Summerside.

JOHN BALL,

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

JOHN BALL, clerk of the Legislative Council of Prince Edward Island, was born at Charlottetown on the 6th of March, 1833, he being a son of Joseph and Emily (Baldry) Ball. His father, a land surveyor, died at Charlottetown, on the 25th of April, 1881, and at the time of his death, *The Examiner*, a local paper, thus spoke of him:—

To day we record the death of a gentleman, from his childhood a resident of this province, whose name from active association with its inhabitants, has become a household word. We refer to the late Joseph Ba'l, Esq. Born at Highgate Hill, London, England, on the 17th of March, 1793, he came to this island with his mother, and uncle (John Plaw, architect), in the year 1806. He received his education in Quebec, an 1 adopting the profession of land surveyor, returned here on the death of his uncle, where he has ever since remained, almost until the day of his death, in the active pursuit of his calling. In 1830, he was appointed deputy surveyor-general, under the late Mr. Wright, and, at various periods since, when the fortunes of the old Liberal party, under whose banner he fought, were in the ascendant, he held the position of surveyor-general. Kindly and genial in his social relations, standing high in the ranks of his profession, he was withal a Christian gentleman. Many and varied were his experiences in travel on the island over bridle-paths, and through unbroken forests, and now at the close of a long and useful life, wearied and spent, he has laid his burden down, and gone to his heavenly rest.

The mother of our subject, a native of Stradbroke, England, died on the 2nd of April, 1866. Mr. Ball was educated at the central academy, Charlottetown; was appointed assistant

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