

years, the first three with another man. During all this period he was also an auctioneer, doing, at times, a good deal of business in that line. He was appointed sheriff of the county of Prince Edward, in April, 1871, and that office he still holds. He makes an efficient public functionary.

Sheriff Gillespie was a member of the public school board of Picton for eighteen years, and was an early champion of free schools; and he was in the town council several terms, and in the county council one year, showing, in these municipalities, a liberal disposition as it regarded public improvements. He is a valuable citizen.

He is a life-long Reformer of the *grittiest* class, and before becoming sheriff, was a very active partisan, working conscientiously, and with zeal to promote the interests of the party. In his present position he keeps quiet.

Sheriff Gillespie married in May, 1845, Mrs. Sarah M. Patterson, *née* Morgan, and has four children living, and has lost two. One son, Thomas G. is married, and in the hardware business with a younger brother, Charles S. at Campbellford, Ontario; James F. is a clerk in his father's office, and Emma M., the only daughter, is living at home.

Mr. Gillespie had two brothers, one of whom was the late Dr. George Gillespie, who practised many years in Picton, established the *Picton Times*, and edited it for some time, and was greatly respected, dying a dozen years ago, or more. His brother is Benjamin Gillespie, a merchant in Picton, and a successful business man.

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## ANTHONY LACOURSE,

BERLIN.

ANTHONY LACOURSE, junior judge of county of Waterloo, was born in Berthier, Province of Quebec, September 22, 1830. His father, Anthony Lacourse, senior, was from France. The mother of our subject was Mary *née* Damé, a native of Montreal.

Judge Lacourse was educated in the arts at the Picton grammar school, and Regiopolis College, Kingston; studied law in the same city with the late Thomas Kirkpatrick, Q. C.; was called to the Bar at Easter term in 1855; practised one year at Picton, and then removed to Lindsay, now county town of Victoria, where he was in practice for seventeen years. During that period he held the offices of superintendent of schools, mayor of the town for three consecutive years, and county crown attorney and clerk of the peace from 1863 to 1873. In October of the latter year he was appointed judge of the county of Waterloo, by Sir John A. Macdonald's Administration, and is faithfully discharging the duties of that office. He has a high sense of what constitutes right and true manhood, and is very severe on acts savoring of fraud. Probably no judge in the Province is more desirous of meting out exact justice to