

bly, and was successful, being in parliament for four years, and having among his associates, Adams G. Archibald, Joseph Howe, Charles Tupper, William A. Henry, William Young and others, who have since risen to distinction in the province or the Dominion.

In his younger years, Mr. Davison was connected with the militia, and rose to the rank of captain, 5th company, 2nd battalion, Queen's county militia.

In 1839, he married Desiah Mack, daughter of Elisha Mack, of Mill Village, whose grandfather, Samuel Mack came to Nova Scotia from Connecticut about 1764, and was a prominent man in his day. Mrs. Davison is the mother of ten children, all living but two. William grew up; became a seaman; was sick in England, and returned home and died. Annie died while attending school at Sackville academy. Besides the three sons already mentioned, are five daughters; Catherine, the widow of John Struthers, M. D., late of King's county, and son of Rev. George Struthers, formally a Presbyterian minister at Cornwallis; Eleanor married to Bernard E. Rogers, of Yarmouth; Mary D. to Rev. Caleb Parker, a Methodist minister; Elizabeth De Wolf, who is in the State of New York, and Amelia Freeman, who is pursuing her studies at home.

The eldest son, C. H. Davison, was elected to the local parliament in 1876, and served two sessions, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. M. B. Des Brisay, on his elevation to the bench. All the sons are smart enterprising men.

Our subject, it should be added is a natural and ingenious mechanic, making all his mills, and never allowing a slipshod piece of work to pass out of his hands; his lumber commands the top figures in the European market, and no better deals than his, it is safe to say, cross the Atlantic.

HON. JOHN S. D. THOMPSON, M.E.C.,

HALIFAX, N. S.

JOHN SPARROW DAVID THOMPSON, attorney-general of the Province of Nova Scotia, dates his birth at Halifax, on the 10th of November, 1844; his father was John Sparrow Thompson, who was from Waterford, Ireland, for some time Queen's printer, and afterwards superintendent of money order system in Nova Scotia, dying at Halifax, in 1867; and his mother was Charlotte Pottinger, who was from the north of Scotland. She is still living.

Mr. Thompson was educated in the common schools of this city, and the Free Church academy; read law with Henry Pryor, Q.C., stipendiary magistrate of Halifax; and was called to the bar in 1865, soon taking a front position among the legal fraternity of the county and province.

He has acted as counsel in nearly all the important causes which have arisen since his admission, and was also retained as counsel on behalf of the United States, to act with the American lawyers before the Fishery Commission, which sat at Halifax in 1877, under the treaty of Washington.

Mr. Thompson was an alderman of the city of Halifax for six years; a school commissioner about the same length of time, being vice-chairman and chairman of that board; and was a member of the senate of the university of Halifax.

Mr. Thompson was first elected to the Legislative Assembly, to represent Antigonish, on the resignation of the sitting member, John J. McKinnon, in November, 1877; was re-elected by