

Mr. Dickey was at one period a director of the Nova Scotia Electric Telegraph Co., and also consular agent at Amherst for the United States. It was he who negotiated at New York the loan and sale of the N. S. Telegraph line to the American Telegraph Co., and afterwards to the Western Union Telegraph Co. He was a delegate from Nova Scotia to England, on the subject of an intercolonial railway in 1858, and again in 1865, and to the Quebec Union Conference in 1864.

Mr. Dickey was a member of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia from January, 1858, until the Confederation, in 1867, in May of which year he was called to the Senate by Royal proclamation. His politics are Conservative. In the Legislative Council he was the author of the Joint Stock Company Act, which is still in existence, and successfully opposed the Synod bill, introduced by the Bishop of Nova Scotia. In the Dominion Parliament he led the opposition to the Esquimaux and Nanaimo Railway bill, and to the deceased wife's marriage bill, which measures were defeated in the Senate.

Senator Dickey is an ardent advocate of home industries, and encourages them with his money as well as voice and vote, he being a stockholder in the Amherst Boot and Shoe Co., and had an interest in the tannery owned by that company when it was destroyed by fire.

He gave the land for the beautiful cemetery at Amherst, and is a member of that company; owns several farms in the county of Cumberland, and takes great interest in the growth of his native town, and in the progress of agriculture and other industries in his native county.

He is a stock-holder in banks at Halifax, Montreal and Toronto, and, as might be inferred, has always been a prudent as well as successful manager of his business. He retired from the active practice of his profession several years ago.

In October, 1844, he married Mary Blair, third daughter of Hon. Alexander Stewart, C.B., who was of Scotch extraction, and they have five children, three sons and two daughters, all married but the youngest son, Frank Stewart, who is a student at King's college, Windsor, N.S. James Alexander, the eldest son, is a civil engineer, farmer, and shipper of cattle to England, with residence at Amherst; Arthur is a barrister, of the firm of Townshends and Dickey, Amherst; Mary is the wife of Henry E. Milner, C.E., fellow of the institute of civil engineers at Norwood, London, and Ellen is the wife of Martin W. Maynard, who is in the railway department at Ottawa.

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REV. JOHN MACLEAN, A.M.,

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AMONG the pioneer preachers and "fathers of Presbyterianism" in the Maritime Provinces, the memory of no one, it is safe to say, is more sacredly cherished, particularly among his own denomination, than that of Rev. John Maclean, a native of West River, county of Pictou; his birth being dated on the 1st of September, 1801. His parents, John and Jane Maclean, were among the emigrants who came from Dumfries, Scotland, to Nova Scotia, in 1786, and "pitched their tents" principally on the West River. We learn from a sketch of our subject, published in the *Halifax Evening Mail*, of November 12, 1880, that his ancestors, for several generations, were God-fearing people, "his paternal grandfather being one of the first elders ordained in this (Pictou) county, while his father, two brothers, and a nephew, even four