

in September, 1876, and was premier and attorney-general from that date to 1879, when the Conservative party came into power.

Mr. Davies is the father of several important bills which became law, among which were the education bill, based on free education, the ballot bill, and the assessment bill. The latter, which introduced a new system of taxation, met with strong opposition, but has since been adopted by both parties.

In 1875, Mr. Davies was appointed by his political opponents, as leading counsel before the commissioners by whom the land question of this province was settled, and conducted all of the proceedings on behalf of the Government until the compulsory purchase of the whole of the proprietors' estates had been completed. In 1877 he was appointed as one of the counsel for the Dominion of Canada before the International Fishery Commission, which held its sittings in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

He is a member of the Masonic order, and past master of Victoria Lodge, Charlottetown.

Mr. Davies married at St. Eleanors, in this island, in July, 1872, Susan, fourth daughter of Dr. A. V. G. Wiggins, deceased, and they have three children living and have lost two.

FREDERICK DE ST. C. BRECKEN, M.P.,

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

FREDERICK DE ST. CROIX BRECKEN, member of the House of Commons, Canada, for Queen's county, P.E.I., belongs to a family of legislators; his father, John Brecken, represented Charlottetown in the House of Assembly, from 1830 to 1834, when he was appointed a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils of the province, which position he held up to his death in 1857. The grandfather of Frederick, Ralph Brecken, who came to this island from England in the latter part of the last century, was a member of the House of Assembly for some years, and speaker of that body when he died in 1815; and his great-grandfather, Col. Joseph Robinson, an assistant judge of this province ninety years ago, was speaker of the House of Assembly in 1790.

The mother of Mr. Brecken was Margaret De St. Croix, a native of Prince Edward Island; he was born at Charlottetown, on the 9th of December, 1828; educated at the central academy in this city; studied law with Sir Robert Hodgson; then went to London, and attended at Lincoln's Inn and the Inner Temple (1849-1852), and was admitted to practise in June, 1852; he is of the firm of Brecken and Fitzgerald, his partner being Rowan Robert Fitzgerald, who is also a stipendiary magistrate. Mr. Brecken was a delegate to the Detroit convention in 1865.

He is one of the solicitors for the Bank of Prince Edward Island, and director for many years of the Charlottetown gas company.

He was elected to the provincial legislature for Charlottetown, the capital of the island, in 1863, and was re-elected at each subsequent general election until 1876, when he was defeated on the school question; he was attorney-general and advocate-general from April, 1859, to January, 1863; a member of the executive council and attorney-general from September, 1870 to April, 1872; and was re-appointed in April, 1873, and held office until August, 1876; he is serving his first term in the House of Commons, being elected in September, 1878; his politics are Conservative.