

exclusive business, giving to it his closest studies and his best energies; hence his high standing. We have heard him called a "born lawyer." He is in love with his work, and pursuing it energetically; has very clear perceptions, a sound judgment, and unquestioned integrity, and is one of the safest counselors in Ontario. On railway law we know no higher authority, and he occupies a recognized place in the front rank of his profession.

He has been master of the Moira Lodge (Belleville) Freemasons, and is a royal arch; is also a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, and chairman of its board of trustees.

On the 1st of August, 1853, Mr. Bell became the husband of Helen Maria, daughter of John Turnbull, one of the oldest settlers in Belleville, and she had eight children, six of them still living. She died on the 28th of June, 1879. She was a very affectionate wife and mother, a zealous christian worker, foremost in "labors of love," and her demise created a vacuum in the benevolent circles of this city. An associate of hers in christian and charitable work, speaks of her "as constant in her friendships, unassuming in her manners, a model wife and mother, and a good Samaritan." She was deeply attached to the church of her father (Presbyterian), of which she was long a consistent member.

WILLIAM H. R. ALLISON,

PICTON.

WILLIAM HENRY RICHEY ALLISON, a prominent barrister in the county of Prince Edward, and surrogate judge of the Maritime Court of Ontario, was born near Brockville, on April 17, 1836. His father, Rev. Cyrus R. Allison, a noted Wesleyan minister, was also a native of this Province, preached for many years in the vicinity of the Bay of Quinté, and died at Picton, in 1869. The mother of our subject was Eve Hoover, also a native of Ontario, and the daughter of a United Empire Loyalist. She is still living.

Mr. Allison was educated at Victoria College, Cobourg; studied law with Philip Low, Q.C., of Picton; was called to the Bar at Michaelmas term, 1864, and from that date has been in constant practice in this town. He does business in all the courts, and his standing is second to that of no lawyer in the county. He is well read; prepares his case with great care; is painstaking in all his legal work, and has great influence with a jury, being clear, argumentative, forcible and persuasive. His success at the Bar has been quite note-worthy.

Mr. Allison was in the town council many years; was one of the first directors of the Prince Edward railway, which was opened from Picton to Trenton in 1879; is one of the trustees of the public schools, and was appointed a surrogate judge of the Maritime Court of Ontario in 1879.