

of honor as well as trust. At seventeen years of age he went to sea, and at twenty-one was master of a vessel, following a maritime life, and being engaged in the West India and European trade until 1850, when he became a ship-owner and commission merchant, and has been in the firm already mentioned about twenty years. They are doing a good business.

Mr. Ryerson was a town councillor under the old municipal system, and captain at one period of a naval brigade; has been a magistrate for a long time; a director of the Atlantic Insurance Company, Yarmouth, for the last fifteen years; was one of the founders, and is one of the governors of the Yarmouth seminary, and liberal in supporting and encouraging local enterprises of a laudable kind.

At the time of the Confederation (1867), he was elected to represent Yarmouth in the House of Assembly; was defeated in 1872, and again returned in 1873, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of W. H. Townsend, serving in all in a legislative body a period of seven years, and always affiliated with the Liberal party; he is a Master Mason.

In 1843 Mr. Ryerson was joined in wedlock with Miss Abby Shaw, daughter of Joseph Shaw, of Yarmouth, who was for many years high sheriff of this county; and she has had eight children, only three of them, one son and two daughters, now living. Edmund A. S. is an accountant for his father; Julia is the wife of C. J. B. Tucker, merchant, Yarmouth, and Etta F. is at home.

### REV. JOHN T. T. MOODY, A.M.,

YARMOUTH, N. S.

**J**OHN THOMAS TIDMARSH MOODY, rector of Yarmouth, is a native of this province, being born at Halifax, on the 25th of March, 1804; his father, John Moody, merchant, was born in New York, June 19, 1779; his great-grandfather, John Moody (born in London), was a Loyalist during the war of the colonies with the mother country, as was also his grandfather, Thomas Moody. The family came to Nova Scotia about 1783. The mother of our subject was Mary R. Tidmarsh, a native of Halifax. They were married in 1800, and lived to a great age, Mr. Moody to his 92nd year, and Mrs. Moody to her 86th.

Mr. Moody was educated at King's college, Windsor, (of which institution he is a master of arts), and was ordained deacon in 1827, by the Rt. Rev. John Inglis, D.D., Bishop of Nova Scotia, and priest in December of the following year, by the same bishop. While deacon he commenced his ministerial labors at Liverpool, N.S., in succession to the Rev. W. Twining, the first rector, and remained there nearly twenty years, attending to his parochial duties, which were of a missionary character, throughout the county of Queen's; he presided all that time at the board of school commissioners. Before Mr. Moody left Liverpool, he had the pleasure of seeing his parish church much enlarged, and two chapels and several school-houses erected in the rural parts of his parish, and the communicants increased from 19 to 200.

In 1846, Mr. Moody was appointed rector of Yarmouth, and has held that position for thirty-five years, during which period he has seen the number of communicants in his parish more than trebled, and has baptized, during his ministry of 54 years, more than 2,060 persons. His present parish church bears the name of the Holy Trinity. It was consecrated in 1872, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Binney. It is a very handsome brick structure, in the early English period