

Dr. Coleman was county coroner from 1857 to about 1866, when he resigned on being appointed a Magistrate, an office which he still holds. He was the first trustee of the public school here, when only one teacher was required, and where eight are now employed; was the first reeve of the town, and the second mayor, holding the latter office in 1877 and 1878. He is a public-spirited citizen, and under his administration, improvements were multiplied and marked.

He has been very active at times in politics, being quite independent, and voting for such men as he thought would carry out the best measures. Usually, but not always, he has affiliated with the Conservatives.

In 1861, at the time of the Trent affair, he raised a company of Volunteers, and is now a Brevet-Lieut.-Colonel of the 33rd Battalion.

He is a Chapter Mason, having been a member of the order since 1857.

In 1858 he married Mrs. Hannah Matilda Gouinlock, daughter of Dr. William Chalk, of the village of Harpurhey, and by him she has four children.

---

JOHN P. WISER, M.P.,

PRESCOTT.

JOHN PHILIP WISER, member of Parliament from South Grenville, is a native of Oneida county, New York, dating his birth at Trenton, October 4, 1825. He is a son of Isaac J. Wisser, who settled in that county in 1809, and opened a farm in the dense forest. The grandfather of Isaac was aid to General Herkimer, at the battle of Oriskany. The mother of our subject was Mary Egert, a native of Philadelphia, his parents on both sides being of remote German descent. He was educated in the common school of his native county, and at Hobart Hall Institute, Holland Patent; farmed until twenty years of age; then clerked several years at Gouverneur, New York, and in 1857 removed to Prescott, Canada, as manager for Egert and Averell, succeeding to their business in 1862. His distillery has a capacity for 900 bushels of grain daily, and for feeding 1,200 cattle.

Mr. Wisser has a farm of 600 acres, known far and wide as the "Rysdyk Stock Farm," which has no superior in beauty of location in Ontario. It lies opposite Ogdensburg, New York, only half a mile above Prescott, and directly along the shore of the St. Lawrence, with a commanding view of the great river. The generally ascending character of the ground makes the view from the rear as well as the front very pleasant.

For stock purposes the farm is divided into different divisions and compartments, separated by high cedar worm fences, strongly and compactly built. About one-sixth distance from the front, it is crossed by the Grand Trunk Railway. Diagonally crossing the farm is a beautiful