

successful business manager, and prominent among the men of his class in this community, dying in 1850. On his demise our subject took charge of the business, and has been one of the foremost merchants here for thirty-one years. His reputation for promptness, honesty, fair dealing, and all the elements of mercantile honor, is second to that of no citizen of the town.

Mr. Odell was connected with the militia at one period of his life, and at the time of the Fenian raid, fifteen years ago, was 1st Lieutenant of Artillery, and was on duty for three months at Fort Tipperary, St. Andrew's, being in command at the time. He has been a magistrate for many years; is chairman of the local board of school trustees, and warden of the county, as already stated. Mr. Odell was first elected to the last named office in 1877, on the change of the law regarding municipal matters, he being the first officer of the kind in the county. He has given such excellent satisfaction in that position, that the board of county councillors has seen fit to re-elect him from year to year, and he is now serving his fifth term. It is also because of his activity in the cause of education, that he is kept at the head of the board of school trustees. He seems to shrink from no duty as a citizen, and in various ways is making himself eminently useful. No town can have a surplus of such public-spirited men.

Mr. Odell is a member of the vestry of All Saints Episcopal church, and a man of solid Christian character.

He married in 1851, Emma, daughter of Alexander McGrotty of St. John, and they have lost one child and have two sons and two daughters living. The sons, Edward and Thomas Turner, are in their father's office and warehouse, and the daughters are also at home.

LIEUT.-COL. CHARLES R. RAY,

ST. JOHN, N.B.

CHARLES ROBERT RAY, merchant and ex-mayor of St. John, dates his birth at his present home, on the 19th of December, 1830. His father, Robert Ray, was born at Digby, N.S., and learned the mechanical business of a sail-maker at Her Majesty's dockyard, Halifax. His grandfather, Robert Ray, born in 1744 in the county of Donegal, Ireland, went to New York before the revolution; was a merchant there, and when the colonists took up arms against the crown, he went to Digby, leaving a great amount of property behind him. His widow and two daughters returned to New York, and one of the daughters, Rachel, married William Hallett, a prominent lawyer and politician of New York, and an intimate friend of President Van Buren. The other daughter, Margaret, married James Hawes, also a prominent lawyer of that city.

The mother of our subject was Abigail Hatfield Garrison, daughter of David Hatfield, a loyalist, and merchant from New York, and widow of Capt. Isaac Garrison. She was the third wife of Robert Ray, and died when Charles was eighteen months old. The father married a fourth wife.

Mr. Ray was kept at a boarding school from eight to sixteen years of age; then went to England, and on his return, learned the dry goods business, which he has followed for himself since 1861.

Mr. Ray joined the volunteer service when a young man, and commanded the 62nd battalion for several years, retiring with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He was mayor of St. John