

Davis, daughter of the late Frederick Davis, St. Helier's, Island of Jersey. As will be seen, Mr. Nairn's business career has been a very successful one, and is worthy of imitation by our young men. Now that he is able to take the world easy, we hope he will be long spared to enjoy the abundant fruits of his industry, and help in all the good movements that have for their object the bettering of the world.

Dewe, John, Chief Dominion Inspector of Post Offices, Ottawa, was born at Stockwell, near London, England, on the 5th of July, 1821. His father was Henry Tombs Dewe, a merchant in the City of London, and the eldest son of the Rev. John Dewe, vicar of Breadsall, near Derby. The family, of which there are several interesting records in the Bodleian library, at Oxford, is of Norman origin, the name being formerly spelled D'Eu and D'Ewe. His mother's maiden name was Eliza Prior; and she was a daughter of Thomas Prior, of Desford, near Leicester. Our subject was educated at a private school near London, but on the death of his father, obtained, at the age of seventeen, a situation as clerk in the secretary's office of the General Post Office, St. Martin's-le-Grand, in which he served for five years. During a portion of this time, he sat at the next desk to that occupied by Anthony Trollope, the novelist. Sir John Tilley, who was some years afterwards secretary to the department, was a clerk in the same office. In July, 1843, he was appointed by the Postmaster-General to a surveyorship in the Canadian Post Office, which at that time was under Imperial control. He served as surveyor for the Central Postal District, with headquarters at Kingston, until shortly after the transfer of the Post Office to Provincial management in the year 1851, when he was appointed P. O. Inspector for the Toronto Postal Division, with headquarters at Toronto. At the time of the *Trent* affair, in March, 1862, he joined the Civil Service Co. of the Queen's Own. He resigned his commission in this corps in 1863. He remained at Toronto until Oct., 1870, when he was appointed Chief P. O. Inspector for the Dominion of Canada, with headquarters at Ottawa. He has travelled in his official capacity through all the provinces of the Dominion. He has also visited, when on leave of absence, France, Belgium and Germany. In religion he has been a member of the Church of England from his youth upwards. Inspector Dewe was married at Perth, Ont., on the 31st of October, 1850,

to Clara Alicia, daughter of Colonel Henry Nelles, of Grimsby, Ontario, who served with the Canadian troops in the war of 1812. He is now a widower, his late wife having died on the 25th of June, 1885. He has no sons. His only daughter is married to L. K. Jones, of the department of Railways and Canals.

Ross, Arthur Wellington, M.P., for Lisgar, Winnipeg, was born on the 25th of March, 1846, in the township of East Williams, Middlesex county. His father, Donald Ross, was born in Tain, and his mother, Margaret Ross, in Glasgow, Scotland. By his birth he secured the traits of character peculiar to both branches of the Scottish family. Donald Ross was the eldest son of Arthur Ross of the 78th Highlanders, who fought in twenty-five battles, and was wounded five times. He served under Sir Ralph Abercrombie and the Duke of Wellington, and he lost his eye-sight with the sands of Egypt, but regained it again. He settled in the township of Adelaide, Middlesex co. His grandfather died aged 85; his widow died afterwards, aged 94 years. Our subject was educated in the public schools at Nairn and London; at the Warusville Grammar School; at Toronto Normal School, and at the University College. From the latter institution he graduated as B.A. In his studies he paid special attention to the English branches as contradistinguished from the classical. In his early life he worked on the farm, and performed the various kinds of work incident thereto. He always had simple tastes and habits, and was extremely cautious in making any step. He began life by school-teaching at \$17 per month, and at this calling he accumulated some money, and speculated in oil lands during the oil excitement in Ontario. He increased his small sum largely, then went to the Toronto University. Eventually he lost the money made by his earlier enterprise, and again began work at school-teaching, becoming head master of the school in Cornwall, where he taught for two years. He afterwards became inspector of schools for the County of Glengarry, under the then new Public School Act, remodeled the whole system of instruction in the county, and gave general satisfaction. In 1872, during holidays, he visited Manitoba, and was obliged to travel by stage from Breckenridge to Winnipeg, a distance of nearly 300 miles; and had a varied experience in travelling by buckboard on the prairies. By this he acquired such a knowledge of the country that he became impressed with its varied resources. In 1874 he again visit-

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