

Colonel Tisdale was created a Q.C. by Lord Dufferin in 1872, during the administration of Sir John A. Macdonald.

During his professional career Colonel Tisdale had some tempting offers to leave his native County of Norfolk, but preferred the home life and familiar surroundings of the County in which he was born and in which he still lives.

A MAN OF AFFAIRS

While his career as a lawyer was a most successful one, Colonel Tisdale also evinced an inclination for affairs of a general commercial character. As time went on he became more and more absorbed in various public and private enterprises and gradually gave up the practice of law.

He was largely instrumental in the construction of the Georgian Bay & Lake Erie, and Stratford & Huron Railways, from Port Dover to Wiarton, connecting at these points the waters of Lake Erie with those of the Georgian Bay. Colonel Tisdale was President for a number of years of the company that constructed and controlled these lines, which are now merged into the Georgian Bay Division of the Grand Trunk Railway, and which constitute a most important thoroughfare, crossing and connecting every railway system running east and west through the prosperous peninsula of Western Ontario. About seven of the best years of his life were devoted to the completion of this undertaking, which was obviously one of great importance to the County of Norfolk.