

business as a general merchant and shipper, building his own vessels, loading them and sending them to different parts of the globe, being, on the whole, quite successful in his ventures.

A few years ago he retired from general business for a while, confining himself to shipping only; but on his eldest son reaching manhood, Mr. Jones again opened a store (1876), and is still selling general merchandise. About that time, on considering the state of things among the land-owners, he came to the conclusion that there was a serious lack of home productions, particularly of bread stuffs; and to encourage the farmers, he purchased and brought home 200 bushels of Manitoba wheat, which was distributed among the farmers, and sown, and it did exceedingly well. Meantime, in order that the wheat could be ground here, early in the year 1878, he built a steam flouring mill—the first of the kind in this part of the county—and had it ready for use in the autumn of that year. Now the breadth of wheat sown in this vicinity is quite large, and the farmers seem to have taken a “new departure” in thrift, and the country is increasing in wealth. Mr. Jones has also two threshing buildings in connection with his mill, and much of the grain raised in this vicinity is there cleaned. He has a store near the mill, and a good run of business in that line, and is still engaged in shipping. In short, he is doing his full share in aiding to build up the general interests of the country, his enterprise seeming to increase with his years. He is president of the Weymouth agricultural society.

Mr. Jones has kept out of political office, but is a protectionist in his views, and therefore affiliates with the Conservative party. He is a man of no inconsiderable influence, which is felt in a quiet way, particularly during an animated political contest.

He is a member of St. Peter's church, Weymouth; has repeatedly served as warden of the same, and is a man of a good deal of moral stamina.

In 1855 Mr. Jones was joined in marriage with Miss Helen C. Ladd, daughter of F. P. Ladd, of Boston, Mass., and they have buried four children, and have eight living. Herbert, the eldest son, is in his father's store; Howard P. is a student at King's college, Windsor, and the other children are pursuing their studies at home. Mr. Jones has a well-selected library, which he replenishes occasionally; and a rich supply of family newspapers and periodicals; and no member of his household is ever short of inviting mental food.

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ROBERT BARRY DICKEY, member of the Senate since Confederation, is a native of Amherst, N.S., dating his birth on the 10th of November, 1812. He is a son of Robert McGowan Dickey, who was born in the same town, his father being from the north of Ireland; and Eleanor Chapman, whose family was from Yorkshire, Eng. His father represented Cumberland in the Nova Scotia Assembly for fifteen years, and died in this county in 1854.

Our subject was educated at Windsor academy, N.S.; studied law with Hon. Alexander Stewart, C.B., formerly master of rolls and judge of vice-admiralty, and was called to the bar of Nova Scotia in January, 1834, and to that of New Brunswick in the following year. He did for many years a large legal business in both provinces, with his home at Amherst; and during all those years he maintained a highly honorable standing in the profession.