

dent of the New Brunswick and Canada railway, and president of the Frontier steamboat company, and of the newly-formed St. Croix cotton mills company. He was a leading force in engineering this last enterprise, giving several weeks' time to getting the company organized, its capital (\$500,000) taken, the site for the mills secured, the corner-stone laid, &c., &c. The last act mentioned was done by the Masonic order, on the 24th of June, 1881, and marked an epoch in the history of the village of Milltown, in which our subject resides, being the finest house in the place. The mills are to be 517 feet long, 98 feet wide, and four stories above the basement. This movement will convert one of the lowest, most squalid parts of the village, into a neat and tidy hive of industry, and call for an addition of 600 and 700 inhabitants to the place.

Mr. Murchie owns an axe factory at Milltown (St. Stephen), but we believe he has rented it. He has done, and is doing, a great deal to encourage home industries, knowing that all such enterprises tend to increase the value of his own property, as well as the prosperity of the country. It is a few such men as he—men of energy, push and pluck—found in St. Stephen, Calais and Milltown, that have built up this trinity of towns, and given them their present air of thriftiness. Milltown, the smallest of all, is just now, probably, the liveliest of all.

Mr. Murchie is a member and trustee of the Congregational church, Milltown, which body has a house of worship which is a gem; and it is the impression of the community that no such elegant and costly structure could have been reared in that little village, without both the shaping hand and plethoric pocket of Mr. Murchie.

He was first married in 1836 to Miss Mary Ann Grimmer, daughter of John Grimmer Esq., late collector of customs at St. Stephen, and still living, being in his 93rd year. She died in May, 1857, leaving ten children. He was married the second time in 1860, to Miss Margaret Thorpe, daughter of Jackson Thorpe, of St. George, Charlotte county, having by her three children. She died in December, 1872.

Most of the ten children by the first wife are settled in life. Three of the sons, John G., William A., and James S., are married, and are in business with their father; the first being an alderman of Calais, the second captain of a volunteer company, St. Stephen, and the third vice-consul for Brazil and the Argentine Republic. Two other sons, Charles F., and Horace B., are in business in New York city; and another, George A., is a lumber manufacturer at Woodstock, N. B. Two of the daughters are married, and the rest are at home.

DAVID TAPLEY.

PORTLAND, N.B.

DAVID TAPLEY, police magistrate and judge of the civil court, Portland, is a native of Sunbury county, N. B., dating his birth at Sheffield, on the 12th of April, 1820. His father David Tapley, sr., a farmer and lumberman, was born in the same county, and his grandfather, James Robert Tapley, was from the United States. His mother, whose maiden name was Hannah Fletcher, was from the same country, and many of her relations are living in New England, the middle, and western states.

Mr. Tapley had a common English education; farmed until he was of age, and then moving to St. John, commenced lumber surveying and the general lumber business, which he followed until 1856, when he was elected to the local legislature for the county of Sunbury,