

Mr. Ross was postmaster at St. Ann's for many years, and held, we believe, other local offices of minor importance. In 1859, he was elected to the Nova Scotia legislature for Victoria, and re-elected four years later, serving for eight consecutive years in that body. He was the author of the bill introduced into parliament in 1874, which was passed, and on which was founded the military college at Kingston. Among the legislators he was a first-class counsellor and worker.

Mr. Ross was elected to the House of Commons for the same constituency in 1867; re-elected in 1872, and, on being appointed Minister of Militia in the administration of Mr. Mackenzie, he was re-elected in 1874. It is worthy of note that our subject was elected three times to the Dominion Parliament by acclamation—a very clear proof of the confidence the people had in him, and of the high esteem in which he was held by his constituents.

As collector of customs, Mr. Ross is very attentive to his duties, and has made it a rule to do well whatever task the public or the government assigns him.

He is a master mason, a member of the Presbyterian church, and a man of untarnished and truly stable character. In 1855, he was joined in marriage with Eliza Harriet, daughter of Peter Moore, of North Sidney, Cape Breton, and of eight children, the fruit of this union, six are yet living. The eldest son, Peter Hugh, is a surveyor in the county of Victoria; another son, John, is in Dalhousie college, and the other children are in Halifax.

HON. HUGH CAMERON, M.D., M.L.C.,

MABON, N.S.

DR. HUGH CAMERON, member of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, was born at Antigonish in this province, on the 18th of March, 1836, his father being Alexander Cameron, who was born in the same place. The family belongs to Fort William, Scotland, being highlanders of the Lochiel clan. The grandfather of our subject, Hugh Cameron, coming out and settling at Antigonish in the early part of the present century. The mother of Dr. Cameron was Ann Boyd, whose parents were also from Scotland.

He was educated at St. Francois Xavier college, Antigonish and the university of Pennsylvania, receiving the degree of M.D. from the latter institution in 1861. After practising three years at Mabon, county of Inverness, Cape Breton, Dr. Cameron, in 1864-65 attended lectures at Bellevue hospital medical college, New York, and then returned to his old field of practice, where he has been nearly twenty-one years, and has done a good business, broken in upon occasionally by politics.

Dr. Cameron early gave considerable attention to political affairs, in which he became much interested, and in 1867, the year of Confederation, consented to contest in Inverness for the House of Commons, and was successful, representing that constituency until the general election in 1872, when he was defeated. He was also defeated in 1874 and 1878, each time by a very small majority, the constituency being usually Liberal, while he is a Conservative. He was appointed member of the Legislative Council, in February, 1879; he usually speaks well on all important questions which come up for consideration, and is always clear, logical and pointed.