

He is a Master Mason, and a member and elder of the Union Presbyterian church, being in 1879, a delegate to the Synod at Montreal. He is a man of solid worth.

On the 3rd of June 1868, Miss Maria Eliza Powell, of Madrid, N. Y., was joined in marriage with Mr. Frost, and they have no children. Mrs. Frost is a woman of literary and artistic taste, and fine culture.

JOHN BELL, Q.C.,

BELLEVILLE.

JOHN BELL, solicitor for the Grand Trunk railway company for nearly thirty years, and one of the oldest lawyers in Central Ontario, is a native of the county of Tyrone, Ireland, and was born in Straban, June 10, 1823. His father, Robert Bell, was a linen manufacturer, of Scotch-Irish descent, like the people generally in the north of Ireland; and his mother, before her marriage, was Catherine Wallace, whose father was Scotch. Before our subject was a year old, the family emigrated to the United States, and spent nine years in the city of New-York, where the son laid the foundation of his education in the so-called Kidder's academy.

In 1833, there being a wide-spread and great depression of the cotton manufacturing business, Robert Bell removed to Kemptville, then in the Johnstown district, now in the county of Grenville, and there settled on land in the dense forest, one mile from any opening. There our subject had a first-class opportunity for developing his muscle by hard work, he aiding with the axe, to clear nearly a hundred acres, with little opportunity, meantime, to strengthen his mental faculties by suitable nourishment—a great trial, no doubt, for his subsequent history shows that he must have yearned for knowledge.

At eighteen years of age he entered the grammar school at the village of Kemptville, and, after pursuing his studies there for some time, entered Victoria College, at Cobourg, where he studied between one and two years, then entered at Toronto the law office of Chief Justice Hagarty and Hon. John Crawford, since deceased. His articles expired in 1849; he immediately commenced the practice of his profession at Belleville, in company with the Hon. John Ross, then a member of the Legislative Council, and afterwards Attorney-General, &c., of the Province of Canada. They were in company until 1852, when Mr. Ross, since deceased, became president of the Grand Trunk railway company, and on the 2nd of October of the same year, Mr. Bell was appointed solicitor of that company, a position which he still holds. He has also been for a long time solicitor for the county of Hastings, and for the Bank of Montreal for a longer period; and is likewise solicitor for the Merchants' Bank, and one or two other institutions. He was created a Queen's Counsel in 1866.

Mr. Bell has never stood for a civil or political office, but has made his profession his