

He was born in Dorchester, county of Antigonish, on the 20th of November, 1808, where also his younger brother, the Right Rev. C. F. McKinnon, D.D., Archbishop of Arichat, was born, and who died in 1878.

Mr. McKinnon had very limited school privileges, mainly educating himself; has always been a farmer, and occupies one-half of the original homestead, having it wholly cleared and devoted to tillage and pasture, and well stocked.

In his younger years he was connected a long time with the militia, and held the rank of captain. When the old system was dissolved, he did not enter into the new organization.

Mr. McKinnon sat for Antigonish in the Legislative Assembly from 1851 to 1867, when he was called to the Legislative Council, of which he has been a member for fourteen years, making in all thirty consecutive years of service in legislative bodies. From 1857 to 1860 he was a member of the Executive Council without office, and also from 1863 to 1867. For seven years he was on the Government board of education, being associated with such men as Dr. Tupper, Hon. J. W. Johnston, Hon. W. A. Henry, Hon. J. W. Ritchie, and others.

Mr. McKinnon has been a magistrate for forty years, and was for some time a member of the board of agricultural commissioners for Nova Scotia. In many ways he has made, and is making, himself a useful citizen, and is much esteemed "for his works' sake" as well as for his general character. He warmly adheres to the faith of his ancestors, being ardently attached to the Roman Catholic Church, and bearing a high character for rectitude and honesty.

Mr. McKinnon married, in 1834, Jeannet, daughter of John Chisholm, Esq., of Antigonish, and they have one son and three daughters living, and lost the two eldest daughters. The son, John J. McKinnon, is an attorney-at-law, and assistant clerk of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly; Catherine is the wife of Andrew McFarlane, Esq., of Antigonish; Eunice is the wife of Dr. Hugh Cameron, M.L.C. of Mabou, N.S., and Lydia is at home.

BENNETT SMITH,

WINDSOR, N.S.

THE subject of this brief notice is a son of John Smith, and was born in Windsor on the 29th of November, 1808. His father was a farmer early in life, but had a disposition for ship-building, and followed that business at Windsor until his death in his 56th year; and his grandfather was John Smith, senior, from Yorkshire, England, coming to Nova Scotia in 1773, settling at Newport, near Windsor, living a very quiet farmer's life, and dying in his 90th year.

The mother of Bennett Smith was Ann Grant, a native of Brooklyn, New York; she accompanied her father, Captain John Grant, and the rest of the family, to Nova Scotia in the autumn of 1783, the year that the Revolutionary war closed. Captain Grant was a brave Highlander; fought in the Indian war, being at Detroit in 1763; and twelve and fifteen years later was in the Colonial war, fighting for King George under Gen. Howe and others. He was wounded repeatedly in both wars, and his dash and bravery did credit to his Highland blood.

Mr. Smith received a moderate education, enough, however, to enable him to do business successfully; learned to build ships of his father, taking naturally to that vocation, and has followed it all his life, having, on the whole, met with remarkable prosperity. He has built, him-