

Taking a keen interest in everything that could promote the growth of the province, he very early felt the need of railroads, to open up the country, and develop its resources. He was one of the first promoters of these enterprises in the valley of the St. Croix, and, especially after his retirement from business, devoted much energy and public spirit to the prosecution of these and other works of general utility, so that when they came to take definite form in the hands of corporations, which he had been largely instrumental in forming, he was looked to as their natural head. For many years he was president of the Princeton railroad, running from Calais to Princeton, in the State of Maine, and now a part of the St. Croix and Penobscot railroad. He was the first president of the St. Stephen branch railway, and held that office until the consolidation of the St. Stephen, Woodstock, and Houlton branches with the New Brunswick and Canada railroad, when he was chosen president of the larger corporation. In 1844, he was elected a director of the St. Stephen's bank, and in 1849 was made president. He held this office in the two last named corporations until his death.

His public spirit, and his prominence in his own county, secured for him a seat in the Legislative Council of the province, to which he was appointed in 1854, and in the business of which he always took an active and influential part. Two classes of measures especially engaged his interest and support: one, those relating to the development of the material resources of the country by means of railroads, which, as he had liberally promoted by personal action, he also supported in his place as a legislator. Movements looking to the advancement of general education also found in Mr. Todd a sagacious and zealous supporter. He had already evinced his interest in the supply of the best educational facilities, by becoming one of the founders and managers of the Milltown academy, an institution which was maintained upon a high standing during a long term of years, until the special need of it was superseded. He had ever been friendly to a system of education which should be open freely to all classes of the people, while it aimed at the highest results. When, therefore, the question of giving a free education to all the children of the province came before the Legislative Council, he gave to the measures proposed his hearty support. The measures were adopted, and when they came to be put into practical effect, Mr. Todd, as a private citizen, cordially contributed a liberal part in rendering the law efficient. Mr. Todd also took a prominent part in the legislature as an advocate of reform in the management of the public lands. He was convinced that the resources of the country in this direction were undergoing a rapid waste, the effects of which would be disastrously felt. Accordingly he sought to secure a change of policy, with a view to making this form of public property bring in an increased and more permanent revenue. Although he then stood in advance of the general sentiment upon this matter, time has vindicated the wisdom of his view, the enhanced income derived in later years from the crown lands having been secured in compliance with the principles of management which he desired to see adopted. He was warmly interested in the Confederation of the provinces, and in 1867 his name appeared in the Queen's proclamation, constituting the union, as a Senator of the Dominion of Canada. The condition of his health compelled him to decline this honor, and he retained his seat in the Legislative Council to the end of his life.

A free trader on principle, and believing that the prosperity of his own province in particular demanded the freest commercial intercourse with its neighbors, and with the world, he, on this ground chiefly, gave his support to the Liberal party. But he was not a partisan. If any measure commended itself to his judgment, its origin did not hinder his hearty support.

Mr. Todd always took an eager interest in religious matters. He was a member of the Congregational church in Milltown from its organization; was for many years an office-bearer,