

at the same time being engaged in a like service, and it is a matter of history now that their efforts were successful. In 1869, Mr. Boyd was appointed by the Dominion Government as one of the arbitrators to dispose of the differences which existed between the Dominion and Nova Scotia, respecting the value of the public buildings in the province. His colleague was James Duffus, of Halifax, who acted on behalf of Nova Scotia, and the result of their efforts was the adjustment of the difficulty in a manner perfectly satisfactory to both governments. It will easily be understood that Mr. Boyd, filling such a prominent part as he did in public affairs, would be chosen for public honours; again and again was he pressed to accept political preferment, but as often he declined, owing to business considerations; and when in February, 1879, he was appointed to the Dominion Senate, it was entirely without his knowledge or solicitation. It is scarcely necessary to say that in that high deliberative body he has always performed his duties faithfully and well. But there is another feature in Mr. Boyd's characteristics, and that by no means the least important—his life-long zeal in promoting the cause of education. His interest in this was shown from his boyhood, and from the time he arrived at a mature enough age he took a leading place in connection with school matters. For a long period he was a trustee of the St. John grammar school, and for seventeen years he filled the position of chairman of the Board of Education. During this latter period he was the means, in conjunction with His Lordship, Bishop Sweeney, of settling the vexed question of separate schools in New Brunswick in such a manner that the unhappy relations of Protestants and Roman Catholics, in regard to educational matters, were permanently harmonized. It is worthy of note that for his good offices in this matter Mr. Boyd was publicly thanked from the pulpit by Bishop Sweeney, and were it permissible for the writer of this biography to make a prophecy in this connection, it would be that such thanks would be repeated and emphasized by posterity for many generations to come. Mr. Boyd never did anything by halves, and in the regions of philanthropic and charitable effort he must at once be given, as in everything else in which he took an interest, the place of a leader. No movement aiming at the public good ever lacked his support, no appeal for charity was ever made to him in vain. In years gone by he took an active part in the work of Immigration, visiting Scotland and Ireland at his own expense, advocating New Brunswick as a home for emigrant farmers, and displaying special interest in the young from the Maryhill and Mossbank schools in Glasgow.

At the conference of delegates in Glasgow in 1890 he delivered the closing address. Only one thing more needs to be said of Mr. Boyd's work in this connection. By his voluntary efforts, in the way of giving readings and lectures, he has raised upwards of \$30,000 in aid of charitable institutions of one kind and another. As indicating Mr. Boyd's high standing in the community, it may be said that he was a director of the Sun Life Insurance Co., was a trustee of the Savings Bank until it merged into the Dominion Savings Bank, has been chairman of the St. Patrick's Society and chairman of the Victoria Hotel Co., besides filling many other public positions of more or less importance. In 1852, Mr. Boyd married Annie Eliza, daughter of Careno P. Jones, of Weymouth, N.S., who is still living.

EMERSON COATSWORTH, JR., M.P.,
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EMERSON COATSWORTH, JR., LL.B., M.P. for East Toronto, was born in that city on the 9th of March, 1854. He is the second son of Mr. Emerson Coatsworth, who for many years has held the important office of City Commissioner for the provincial capital. Mr. Coatsworth, senior, is of English parentage, being born in Yorkshire, but has spent nearly the whole of his life in East Toronto, which his son now represents. He was school trustee of the city for many years, and chairman of the board in 1873. In the previous year he had been elected Alderman for St. David's Ward, but withdrew from aldermanic office on being appointed, in 1873, to the City Commissionership. At the request of his Conservative friends he contested East Toronto for the Commons against Mr. (now Senator) John O'Donohue, on the occasion of Toronto being swept by a tidal wave of opposition to the Government. The result, however, was Mr. Coatsworth's defeat by about one hundred votes. Since then he has withdrawn actively from politics, but he maintains his firm allegiance to the Dominion Conservative party and its policy. The subject of this sketch began his education in the public schools of his native city, and afterwards graduated in law in 1886 with the degree of LL.B., conferred by Toronto University. Meanwhile he had begun his regular professional studies with Messrs. Rose, Macdonald & Merritt, whose office he entered in February, 1875. In his student days Mr. Coatsworth manifested the public spirit and aptitude for public affairs which have been the means of bringing him forward, while still a young man, as the representative of a metropolitan constituency which boasts among its residents and property-owners some of Ca-