

change in the constitution. In the year 1863, Mr. Johnston accepted a seat on the bench, as judge in equity, and judge of the Supreme Court. His decisions were uniformly received by the bar, as clear, logical, and exhaustive expositions of the law. In August, 1872, he left Nova Scotia for the south of France, in hopes that its milder climate would ameliorate, if not remove, the bronchial affection under which he was suffering, but the beneficial results anticipated from the change unfortunately did not follow.

On the death of the Hon. Joseph Howe, in the summer of 1873, Mr. Johnston was offered the governorship of the province. This office he at first accepted, and prepared to leave England, and return to Nova Scotia; but, ere his preparations to leave were completed, his fast failing health and strength compelled him to resign the office he was well qualified to fill.

Early in life, Mr. Johnston connected himself with the Baptist body of Nova Scotia, and to the end continued a member of that communion, and through life devoted his time, energies, and talents to promoting the interests of that body, socially and educationally. The Horton academy and Acadia college, at Wolfville, owe their existence largely to his personal labors and exertions in the cause of this latter institution, now occupying a prominent position, as the Baptist college of the Maritime Provinces. He continued a governor by repeated re-election from its first inception to his death.

Mr. Johnston was twice married. His first wife was Amelia Elizabeth, daughter of the late Dr. Almin, by whom he had three sons, the eldest of whom is now the judge of the county court for the metropolitan city and county of Halifax, and three daughters, five of whom survived him. His second wife was Louise, widow of the late Captain Wentworth, of the royal artillery, by whom he had four children, all of whom are living.

The state of his health rendered a return to Nova Scotia impossible, and he retired to pass the winter at Cheltenham, England, where, on the 21st day of November, 1873, at the ripe age of eighty-one years, he died full of honors, and with his mental faculties unimpaired, leaving to the country of his adoption the recollection of a patriot statesman, and to his friends the memory of a name untarnished, and a character above reproach, and to those who hereafter fill the place vacated by him, the illustration of an astute and learned jurist, and an upright judge.

JAMES W. CARMICHAEL,

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JAMES WILLIAM CARMICHAEL, ship-builder and ship-owner, and one of the leading business men in the county of Pictou, was born at New Glasgow, this county, on the 16th of December, 1819; his father, James Carmichael, was born in the same county; his grandfather, James Carmichael, senior, came from Scotland; his mother was Christian Mackenzie, daughter of John Mackenzie, who came from Inverness-shire, Scotland, and settled in Halifax, where he reared his family.

Our subject was educated in a grammar school and the Pictou academy; was for some years a clerk in the store of his father; who was a prominent merchant, for many years at New Glasgow, afterwards commencing business for himself in company with his father, continuing the mercantile trade awhile after his father's death. Latterly the leading business of Mr. Carmichael has been ship-building and ship-owning; he is also agent for the Bank of Nova Scotia,