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Edmund Leslie Newcombe, Q.C., M.A., LL.B., Deputy Minister of Justice, was born at Cornwallis, King's County, N.S., 17th February, 1859; graduated in arts at Dalhousie College in 1878, from which University he also received the degree of M.A. three years later. He studied law at Kentville, in the office of John P. Chipman, Q.C. (now Judge of the County Court for District No. 4), reading at the same time for the law course of the University of Halifax, where he graduated with distinction in 1882.

Called to the Bar of Nova Scotia in 1883, Mr. Newcombe entered into partnership with Mr. Chipman, and during the three years which he practised in Kentville, held briefs in all the important litigation of the county, and also in some cases at the adjoining circuits. He thus earned a reputation which made his services sought at the capital, and so in 1886 he removed to Halifax, and entered into partnership with Nicholas H. Meagher, Q.C., now the Hon. Mr. Justice Meagher, of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. Mr. Newcombe practised at Halifax for upwards of seven years, during which he held a leading place at the Bar, and in that capacity appeared in many of the most important cases of the period. An examination of the reports shows that he met with a high measure of success, the result of great industry and skill in the management of his cases and the ability which he exhibits in eliminating the immaterial circumstances and grasping the turning-point of a case, and presenting his side of it in a clear and convincing manner. His clients had the utmost confidence in him.

When in 1893 Mr. Sedgewick was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court, Sir John Thompson at once recognized in Mr. Newcombe qualifications which he considered would prove of great service in the administration of the Department of Justice, and he, preferring the broader field of professional work which was offered, though at some pecuniary sacrifice, arising out of the