

sicians and surgeons, New York; he is in practice with his father, and is one of the rising young medical men of the province, occupying the chair of materia medica, therapeutics and clinical surgery in the Halifax medical college; he is also one of the surgeons to the provincial and city hospital, and was last year president of the Halifax county medical society. Probably no young man of his age in the province stands better in the medical profession than Dr. John F. Black.

### HON. THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,

*NORTH SYDNEY (C.B.), N.S.*

THOMAS DICKSON ARCHIBALD, senator for Nova Scotia, was born at Onslow, in this province, on the 8th of April, 1813; his parents being David and Olivia (Dickson) Archibald. He is a descendant of the Colchester county Archibalds, whose family is briefly noticed in the sketch of Gov. Archibald in another part of this work. His maternal grandfather, Charles Dickson, was a native of Colchester county. Senator Archibald was educated at the Pictou academy, and in his younger years was employed at the Albion mines. In 1832 he removed to North Sydney, where he has since been engaged in mining, merchandising, &c. He is of the firm of Archibald and Co., two of his sons being in the firm, and is president of the Gowrie Coal Mining Co. Senator Archibald's firm are ship-brokers, consular agents for Spain and the United States at Sydney, and agents for Lloyd's and the New York and Liverpool Board of underwriters.

He entered public life in 1856, when he took his seat in the Nova Scotia Legislative Council, and sat until the Confederation in 1867, being meantime a member of the executive council from 1860 to 1863. He was called to the Senate by Royal Proclamation in May, 1867. His politics are Liberal Conservative: his religion, Presbyterian.

Senator Archibald has had three wives, and buried all of them. The first was Susan, daughter of William Corbett, Esq., of Pictou; the second, Elizabeth, daughter of George Hughes, Esq., of Boston, Mass., and the third, Maria Louisa, relict of John Burnyeat, Esq., she dying in March, 1875. He had seven children by the first wife, and none by the others. Only four children, all sons, and all good business men, are now living. The two sons in business with their father, are William H. and Charles. Edward is a clerk in a bank at North Sydney, and Blowers is a barrister at North Sydney.

### ROBERT F. BURNS, D.D.,

*HALIFAX, N.S.*

ROBERT FERRIER BURNS, one of the leading clergymen of the Province of Nova Scotia, and pastor of Fort Massey Presbyterian church, Halifax, dates his birth at Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland, on the 23rd of December, 1826. His father was the Rev. Robert Burns, D.D., an eminent clergyman and educator, and his mother was Janet Orr, daughter of John Orr, first Provost of Paisley. His father was located for 33 years in Paisley, Scotland, over the