

He was paymaster at one time under the old militia law ; and has been a school commissioner since 1863.

Mr. Vickery contested Cumberland unsuccessfully at the general election immediately after Confederation (1867), and was successful at the next three general elections, held in 1871, 1874, and 1878. His seat is on the Conservative side ; yet he has ever taken a deep interest in the Spring Hill and Parrsboro' railway and, in the session of 1872, supported the railway policy of the Liberal Government, which embraced a subsidy to that railway, although his own political friends in the House, including his colleague, voted against the railway bill.

His church connection he holds with the Methodists, and has a good reputation for consistency of life.

The wife of Mr. Vickery was Miss Matilda Church, of Amherst, to whom he was married on the 26th of January, 1869. They have lost one daughter, and have one son, Edward Reginald, living.

COL. HENRY PRYOR,

HALIFAX, N.S.

THE subject of this brief biographical notice is a grandson of Edward Pryor, who went from England to New York, before the outbreak of the colonies against the Crown, and siding with the king, left the United States, with thousands of other loyalists, at the close of the war for independence, and settled in Halifax, here dying about 1831 ; and son of John Pryor, many years a leading merchant in Halifax, dying in 1820. Henry Pryor was born in this city on the 3rd of July, 1808, his mother being Sarah Stevens, also a native of Halifax. He was educated at the Halifax grammar school, Windsor academy, and King's college, from which latter institution he received the degrees of A. B., A. M., and D. C. L., and is now one of the governors of that institution.

Mr. Pryor studied law with the Hon. Mr. Justice Bliss, was called to the bar of Nova Scotia in 1831, and practised in Halifax until 1867, when he was appointed stipendiary magistrate, an office which he still holds, and made a Q. C. in 1873. Previous to the appointment of stipendiary magistrate, he had been a member, for the western district of the county of Halifax, of the House of Assembly for eight years. He was for a long time agent at Halifax for the North British Fire and Life Assurance company.

Mr. Pryor entered the local militia in 1827, when only nineteen years old, as a lieutenant in the 2nd Halifax regiment, Nova Scotia militia, and at the time of the Fenian invasion of Canada he had command of a light infantry company, whose services he offered to aid in expelling the invaders. Subsequently he rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel of the regiment which, on the recommendation of the late colonel, the Hon. Sir Samuel Cunard, was permitted by the war department to bear upon its colors "Second Queen's," Halifax. This distinction was shown the regiment because of its gallantry and patriotism in offering to go to Canada, and aid in driving out the Fenian raiders. He holds the rank of lieutenant-colonel, under the Dominion of Canada, and is in command of the reserve militia of the city of Halifax.

Col Pryor has served at sundry times as mayor of the city, in all, five tenures, and so faithfully did he discharge his duties at the head of the municipality, that his fellow-citizens pre-