

Mr. Duval practised in his native city until 1874, when he was appointed private secretary to the Hon. Antoine A. Dorion, minister of justice. Subsequently Mr. Duval was appointed private secretary of Hon. T. Fournier, minister of justice, and chief clerk in the department of justice, receiving his appointment to his present position in the Supreme Court, in January, 1876. As *precis* writer, Mr. Duval is the official law reporter of the court. The Supreme Court's reports are published in numbers, making yearly a volume of over 750 pages. He is also a Commissioner under the great seal of Canada, for administering oaths in the Supreme Court and in the Exchequer Court of Canada.

In June, 1872, Isabella, fourth daughter of Hon. William Power, one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Lower Canada, and of Susanna Aubert de Gaspé, and grand-daughter of the late P. Aubert de Gaspé, became the wife of Mr. Duval, and they have one child.

### REV. JOHN POTTS, D.D.,

TORONTO.

REV. JOHN POTTS was born in 1838, at Maguire's Bridge, county Fermanagh, Ireland. After an uneventful childhood, John Potts determined at an early age to leave the land of his birth, and try his chance in the New World. We accordingly hear that when only seventeen, the young man started for the Southern States of America, taking Kingston in route.

As a straw will of times influence the current of a stream and direct it from its original course, young Potts' sojourn amongst his Kingston relations, associated as it was with the pleasantest reminiscences, induced him on his return from the South to select Canada as the land of his adoption, and (many enticements to go elsewhere notwithstanding), forsaking all others, he has kept only unto her. Originally an Episcopalian, John Potts' intercourse with the Wesleyans of Kingston, at that time under the spiritual guidance of the Rev. George Douglas, was not without its effect upon him, and he became a Methodist. The young man's first step in life was trodden in the path of commerce, and we find him engaged in mercantile pursuits at Kingston and Hamilton.

Work of this kind was, however, uncongenial to his tastes, it is no matter of surprise, therefore, that yielding to the earnest solicitations of his friends, seconded as they were by his own natural desires, young Potts at the age of 19, and prior to the expiration of his Arts course, at Victoria College University, Cobourg, was induced to study for the Ministry.

His period of probation was passed on Circuit at Markham, Aurora, Newmarket, and lastly at Thorold, during his residence, in which place the young man completed his theological studies, and was received in full connection.