

**Downey, Thomas, Jr.,** Toronto, was born in Richmond Hill, County of York, on the 12th of February, 1843. His parents were Thomas and Anna Downey, *nee* Smith, who married in Ireland, and landed in Toronto in 1842. Mr. Downey, *senr.*, adopted the business of carpenter and builder, and constructed the public schools situated on Victoria street, John street, and Phœbe street. In 1878 he was elected alderman for St. John's ward, and re-elected for the years 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1876, when he retired from public life. Mr. Downey was one of the first promoters in the building of the Elm street Methodist church, being a trustee for many years and at the time of his death, which occurred in 1879. His demise was greatly lamented by all the congregation, and by the citizens of Toronto, whom he had served so long and faithfully. One strange incident in the life and death of Mr. Downey may be mentioned. The clock which Mr. Downey bought when commencing house-keeping in Toronto, and which was continuously in use, stopped at the very moment of his death, at nine minutes to twelve o'clock, p.m., March, 1879. This clock is now in the possession of the subject of this sketch. Another curiosity is an Orange certificate, brought to this country, which, in its form and way it was procured, makes it a most curious instrument. It bears date 1834. Thomas Downey, jr., received his early education at the private school of David Storey, who is still living in Toronto. After remaining here for a time, he finished his education at the Toronto Grammar School, under the late A. B. Howe, who was then its principal. After leaving school, at the age of fourteen, he began to learn the trade of carpenter and builder, in his father's shop. He remained so employed for five years, when he went to the United States. There he stayed in different cities until 1869, when he married and returned again to Toronto. He then purchased the lumber business of the late Thomas Briggs, situated on Edward street. He still carries on business as a dealer, builder and contractor, being one of the foremost in that trade in Ontario. He belonged to No. 1 Company Queen's Own Rifles, and was a corporal at the time when Captain Macdonald resigned the command, and Colonel Otter was elected to the position of ensign. In 1882 he was elected alderman for St. John's ward, and re-elected in 1883. He took an active part in the local improvement system, and the benefits of this system can be

seen in the block pavements and other improvements. He was also chairman of the legislative committee for the city council. He belongs to the Orange order, and has been for twenty-one years a member. He is past master of L. O. L. No. 396; belongs to the Independent Order of Oddfellows; is a Freemason; is a member of the A.O.U. Workmen, and also belongs to the Sons of Canada. He married, at Memphis, Tennessee, in 1866, Esther Van Vleck, daughter of the late M. F. Van Vleck, one of the early settlers of Wisconsin, U. S. Mr. Downey has had eight children, of whom seven are still living—five boys and two girls. The eldest son, George E. Downey, assists his father in his business. Like his father, he is a Methodist, and one of the oldest members of the Elm street Methodist church. Mr. Downey is a staunch Reformer, and is vice-president of St. John's Ward Reform Association, and is popular in social as well as private life.

**Weldon, Charles Wesley,** D.C.L., Q.C., M.P., St. John, N.B., was born at Richibucto, N.B., on February 27th, 1830. He is a son of the Honourable John W. Weldon, for many years a representative for the House of Assembly of New Brunswick; for eight years speaker of the House; and a judge of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick for nearly twenty years. He died on February 10th, 1881, in the eighty-first year of his age. His mother, Frances Chandler Upham, who died in 1844, was the youngest daughter of the Honourable Joshua Upham, a judge of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick at its first organization. Judge Upham was a loyalist from the State of Massachusetts, and entered the army during the revolutionary war. He became a colonel of dragoons, and was *aide-de-camp* to Lord Dorchester. He died in London in 1807. The Honourable Charles W. Upham, of Salem, Massachusetts, a well-known writer, was a son of Judge Upham. Judge Upham's first wife was a daughter of Colonel Murray, of Rutland, and his second wife a daughter of Charles Chandler, the grandfather of the Honourable Edward B. Chandler, late lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick. Our subject was educated at the Grammar School at Richibucto, and at the Windsor Academy. He entered King's College, Windsor, in 1844, and graduated with honours as *optime*, or double first, in 1847. He became M.A. in 1851; and in 1884 received the honorary degree of D.C.L. He began the study of the law with his father at Richibucto, and was admitted to