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vania. Our subject was educated chiefly in the commercial and mathematical school, St. John, taught by William Mills, receiving a good business outfit in that respect, and early became a surveyor of and dealer in lumber; he is of the firm of McLellan and Holly, who are extensive dealers, largely in lumber in the rough, they being the leading firm in their line of trade, in the town. They turn over from 40,000,000 to 60,000,000 logs annually; and as Mr. McLellan is a politician—proud to be called a "Grit"—there is no impropriety in calling him a "log roller." In a business sense and in every other, he is a wide-awake man, up early and stirring late, and doing nothing at hap-hazard or in a slipshod manner.

Mr. McLellan entered the political arena as a candidate for office in 1878, and came out at the head of the poll in the constituency already mentioned, and is serving his first term among the law-making and law-mending Solons of New Brunswick; he belongs to the younger class of legislators, and has in him good working elements, which he is never slack in calling into requisition.

Mr. McLellan is a Free Mason, an Oddfellow, and an adherent of the Baptist church. He was married in December, 1865, to Fannie B. Richards, daughter of Henry Richards, of St. John, and they have two sons and one daughter living, and lost a son in infancy. Mrs. Mc-Lellan is a member of the Brassell street Baptist church, St. John.

JAMES MURCHIE,

ST. STEPHEN, N.B.

JAMES MURCHIE, late member of the House of Assembly for Charlotte county, N. B., and one of the leading merchants, lumber manufacturers and ship-owners of that county, is a native of St. Stephen, his birth being dated on the 16th of August, 1813. His father, Andrew Murchie, was from Paisley, Scotland, and his mother, Janet Campbell, was a native of New Brunswick, and a daughter of Colin Campbell; he was educated at St. Stephen reared on his father's farm till of age, and since that period has been engaged in manufacturing lumber on the St. Croix river, merchandising and shipping, being one of the most extensive operators in those branches of industry in this valley. The firm of J. Murchie and Sons has mills at Deer Lake and Benton, on the New Brunswick and Canada railway, as well as at Calais, Maine, and are cutting about 20,000,000 feet per annum. The firm owns 200,000 acres of timber lands, nearly half of it in the Province of Quebec, about 38,000 acres in Maine, and the rest in New Brunswick.

Mr. Murchie was a captain of militia in his younger years; is one of the oldest magistrates in this part of the county; served for some years as a school trustee; and has held, in fact, nearly all the local offices in the gift of the people, being painstaking and efficient in discharging every duty which he assumes. He represented Charlotte county in the House of Assembly from 1874 to 1878, being sent there by his Liberal Conservative friends; and while in that legislative body secured the repeal of the Wild Land Tax Act, which step had been attempted in vain by previous representatives from his county; he also carried other bills, regarded as of a good deal of importance, and proved himself a diligent law as well as lumber maker.

He is a director of the St. Stephen bank; of two bridge corporations, the St. Croix Lloyd insurance company; the Calais tug boat company, and other incorporated companies; vice-presi-

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