

Mr. McSweeney is a Roman Catholic, and bears an excellent character for consistency of life. He married, in 1878, Jennie Masters Archibald, daughter of William Archibald, and granddaughter of the late Alexander Lockie Archibald, who represented the township of Truro in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly from 1830 to 1842, and from 1847 to 1851, his grandfather, Matthew Archibald, being also a representative of the same township in the Assembly from 1785 to 1799. They have one son, Edward Archibald, aged two years.

SAMUEL THOMSON, Q.C.,

NEWCASTLE, N.B.

SAMUEL THOMSON, judge of probate and clerk of the county court, Northumberland, N.B., was born at Chatham, in this county, on the 17th of October, 1825. His father was the Rev. James Thomson, a Presbyterian minister, who came from Dumfries, Scotland, to New Brunswick, in 1816, preached at Chatham and there died in 1830. His mother was Catherine McKay, who was also from Scotland and died in 1858. Mr. Thomson received a grammar school education; studied law with John Ambrose Street and George Kerr, Chatham; was admitted to practise as an attorney in 1846; called to the bar in 1848, and has been in the practice of his profession thirty-five years, the first two or three in partnership with Mr. Kerr, and since that time alone. He was created a Queen's Counsel by the Dominion Government in 1874. The practice of Mr. Thomson extended from the start into the several courts of the province, and he has always done a good law business and has long had more or less to do in an official capacity. In 1858 he was appointed clerk of the peace and moved to Newcastle, still holding that office, together with the other offices already mentioned—clerk of the county court and judge of probate—and is also secretary-treasurer of the county, and issuer of marriage licenses.

Judge Thomson has the reputation of being a very careful as well as perfectly reliable and prompt business man, and he is one of the best known men in Northumberland county, and held in high esteem. He is a Free Mason, and one of the oldest members of Northumberland Lodge, of which he was Master for two years. Politics thus far he seems to have measurably ignored; his religious connection is with the Presbyterian church.

Judge Thomson was married in 1859 to Miss Jane McCurdy, of Truro, N.S., and they have eight children, five daughters and three sons. The judge has a genial disposition, is easy and affable in his manners, and is one of those gentlemen who give a stranger as well as an acquaintance a cordial greeting.

HON. CHARLES WATTERS,

ST. JOHN, N.B.

CHARLES WATTERS, judge of the court of vice-admiralty for New Brunswick, and judge of the county court of St. John and Kings, was born in the city of St. John, on the 26th of November, 1818; his parents, Thomas Watters and Eleanor Toole, were natives of Dublin, Ireland. They came to New Brunswick two years before he was born, and both died