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Mr. Daniel is president of the St. John Board of Trade; one of the governors of the Wiggins Male Orphan Institution, and of the Madras Board of education; president of the home for the aged; has been a director of the Bank of New Brunswick for the last twenty-four years, and justice of the peace for nearly as long a period.

Mr. Daniel is a member of St. John's church, parish of St. Marks, and has held the office of churchwarden for nearly a quarter of a century; is an active and efficient member of the Church of England Synod, and of the Diocesan Church Society, and vice-president of the New Brunswick branch of the British and Foreign Bible society, the St. John Young Men's Christian Association and the Evangelical Alliance.

His heart is in all enterprises and organizations calculated to further the interests of the cause of Christ or of humanity. He also seems to take much pleasure in trying to rebuild and build up the city of his adoption, so sadly stricken by fire in the summer of 1877. To this end he has stock in various native industries, and he and his partner are, and have long been, prominent, not to say foremost, in encouraging local manufactures and whatever would give labor to the people and keep the "bone and sinew" of the city, the county and the province at home.

JAMES R. RUEL,

ST. JOHN, N.B.

JAMES RHODES RUEL, collector of customs and registrar of shipping at the port of St. John, is a native of Herefordshire, England: his birth being dated on the 20th of October, 1820. His father, John Godfrey Ruel, was the descendant of an ancient and distinguished family in Augsburg, Saxony, a branch of which settled in England about 150 years ago. He was an officer in the Royal Marines, serving on H. M. S. *Thetis* and other vessels in various parts of the world with considerable distinction, and dying at his home in Portsmouth, England.

Mr. Ruel received his education at Monmouth, England, and in the St. John grammar school, coming to this province in 1833. He became connected with the corporation of the city of St. John in July, 1839, holding the offices of clerk, deputy common clerk and clerk of the peace, auditor, and chamberlain, until November, 1870, when he was appointed to his present offices, already mentioned. For a period of thirty-one years he served the city with the utmost faithfulness, attending to his duties with noteworthy punctuality and accuracy. The post of collector of customs and registrar of shipping, he has filled for eleven years, and here shows the same readiness and care in attending to his responsible labors. During fourteen of the years that Mr. Ruel was connected with the corporation of the city, he was also engaged in journalism; five years as sub-editor of the *Church Witness*, a paper devoted to the interests of the Church of England, and nine years as managing editor of the same paper. During the latter period, his combined labors were very great; but by being methodical and