

desire to see a separation of Canada from the mother country. But he did not believe in any "family compact," as it was called; thought the Local Government was under the control of an oligarchy, and wished to see a change. In short, he heartily sympathized with those who advocated the principles of "Responsible Government," and was a bold and strong advocate of such government.

During those times he was in several skirmishes; received three wounds, still carrying a ball in his right thigh, and was falsely accused of being a traitor. During the excitement, when at its highest pitch, he crossed to the American side; soon afterwards returned and voluntarily surrendered; was tried for conspiracy and treason before Judge McLean, at Kingston, at a special court ordered by Lord Durham, who visited him while in prison, and forty-four witnesses were examined on the part of the Crown, and not one in his defence. He declined to have any lawyer to plead his case; made, himself, a clear statement of his views; explained the motive which had prompted his every act, and was acquitted without the jury ever leaving their seats. Then was witnessed such a scene as a court room rarely furnished. Men of all political parties rushed to Mr. Reynolds; in their joy and excitement almost tore his clothes off, and carried him out of the court-house, and through the streets, making the welkin ring with shouts and huzzas, the troops on duty saluting him as he passed.

Mr. Reynolds held almost every municipal office in the town of Belleville, and the county of Hastings; and has been sheriff of Ontario for twenty-six years; he is not the oldest sheriff in years, but the longest in that office, probably, of any man in the Province. In fact, from the time that he became a military officer at sixteen years of age, he has held some official position, either under the Government of Great Britain, the Province of Ontario, or some municipality, and nearly all his life, many of such offices conjointly.

He is a man of universal business talents, and executive abilities, and great force of character. Until quite recently he has been a man of great physical endurance; in his younger years, was known as "Iron Reynolds," and though never a professional athlete, has always been blest with great activity and muscular strength. He has been a good sportsman, a great horseman, and has often ridden in steeple chases.

Mr. Reynolds is a member of the Church of England, and was warden of churches at Belleville and Whitby for seventeen or eighteen years.

He was first married in 1834, to Hannah M. Eyre, a near descendant of Sir Giles Eyre, of Eyre Court, in the north of Ireland, and by her he had twelve children, she dying in September, 1850. Most of the children died young, only two of them now living. Florence Mary Hastings, wife of Frederick Casey, barrister, Smith's Falls, and Charles Bagot, who is at Belleville. His present wife was Frances Eliza Armstrong, daughter of James R. Armstrong, of Toronto, at one time member of Parliament, married March 16, 1852. By her he has also had twelve children, nine of them yet living. Frances De Saullus, the eldest daughter, is the wife of