

CONSULTING ENGINEER BANGOR AND AROOSTOOK RAILWAY.

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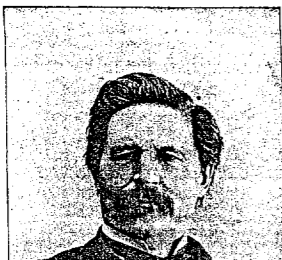
struction on the bonds and preferred stock of the enterprise, so that the original promoters representing the Construction Co. would receive nothing whatever for their time or investment until the bond holders and preferred stockholders were getting their interest or dividends, a feature which was entirely unique in the railway construction world and which will prove of the greatest value to Aroostook county in protecting its investment in the preferred stock of the Company.

Mr. Abbott's work as Consulting Engineer has covered the working out of the details in contracts and specifications by which the contracts between the Railway and the Construction Co., the Construction Co. and Mr. Treat, principal contractor, and others; of the American Express Co. and others have been carried out into working form, and he has made monthly inspections of all work under construction, with monthly estimates of payments in securities or otherwise from the Railway to Construction Co. Trustees, and from Trustees to Contractors and others for construction purposes, with certificates to the mortgage trustees as to monthly issues of bonds, so that all parties should be protected during the construction, and in this position has acted as arbitrator between the Railway Co., Construction Co., Contractors and Financial Companies furnishing funds.

Mr. Abbott has made the designs and superintended the construction of all the bridges on the line excepting the masonry which has been under the direct charge of the Chief Engineer, and he also made the plans for the station buildings, engine houses and coal sheds; the former having among other unique features that of illuminated letter signs giving names of station; and the latter having an improved plan of handling coal from overhead rails in large tubs to enable engines to be quickly coaled.

LLEWELLYN POWERS.

Llewellyn Powers was born in the town of Pittsfield, Me., and was educated at Colby University. He studied law in the law department of Albany University, Albany, N. Y., and was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, also in the courts of Maine and in the U. S. courts. Later he was admitted to the Suffolk Bar in Massachusetts. In 1864, he was elected County Attorney of Aroostook County and held that office six years. He was the first Collector of Customs for the Aroostook District, having been appointed by President Grant in 1868. He was elected to Congress from the Fourth District in 1876. He has served five terms in the Legislature, and is a member of the Legislature of 1895-6. He was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives at the commencement of the session and in



Attorney General of the State, and was re-elected to that office at the opening of the present session of the Legislature. In the discharge of the duties of this office, Mr. Powers has displayed marked ability. It has been



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his fortune to conduct the prosecution in an unusual number of important trials, and in every one of them his efforts have shown such pains-taking care, such clear comprehension, and such an able presentation of the case, as to place him among the foremost members of the Maine bar.

MICHAEL M. CLARK.

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Michael M. Clark was born in Woodstock, N. B., Nov. 25, 1852. His father was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and his mother in Halifax, Nova Scotia, her parents both being Scotch, so that Mr. Clark is of Scotch descent. His parents removed to Houlton when he was two years of age, and from that time till the present he has been a resident of this town. His education was acquired in the public schools of this town, and at the Houlton Academy, an institution which fitted many young men in its day to grapple successfully with the practical affairs of life.

Mr. Clark spent a portion of his early life on a farm and was afterwards a clerk in a hotel, also in different stores, for several years. He has been Town Clerk continuously since 1882, and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Assessors since March, 1884. He was Collector of Taxes for 1880, '81, '82 and '83. His successive elections to these positions of trust and responsibility, abundantly prove his faithfulness, efficiency and perfect honesty. The finances of the town are in a satisfactory condition, while no essential interest is neglected, as may be easily seen by any visitor to Houlton.

In addition to the above town offices, Mr. Clark has been Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for eight years, also Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court, and was re-elected to these offices by a majority of over 3,000, in the late State election, for another term of four years. He is one of the Vice Presidents of the Board of Trade, and one of its most active members. He was Clerk of the Superior Court till it was abolished in 1893.

Method and system prevail in every department under his charge. He has originated and carried into practice many improvements connected with his various offices. For many years he has kept a file of all the county papers, which he places in cov-

early years were spent on a farm, and later he was clerk in a store. In 1861 he recruited a company of troops for the First Maine Cavalry and went out to the front as Captain of Co. E, in that regiment. In the famous charge of the First Maine Cavalry at Middleton, West Virginia, in 1862, Captain Putnam led his company into action. The company lost 42 men, and had 66 horses killed, besides the Captain and First and 2nd Lieutenants' horses, making 69 horses killed, out of 72 in the company.

Captain Putnam was wounded in one shoulder and one foot in the charge and was left on the field. He escaped into the mountains with a few others, where for nine days they wandered without food, being followed and shot at by guerrillas. They managed to escape finally, and to rejoin their regiment, after suffering untold hunger and hardship.

After his return from the war, he went into trade, also carrying on farming to some extent. He owns considerable timber land, also much farming land. The farming land is for sale, and he owns some very desirable land for building purposes near his residence, which will be sold at reasonable rates.

He has three children, two daughters and one son. The son is a student in the School of Technology, Mass. Captain Putnam always has taken great interest in the material welfare of town and county, and is a broad minded and public spirited citizen.

Mr. Putnam is an enthusiastic Grand Army man. He was Colonel of the Northern Maine Regiment G. A. R. for two years.

JAMES H. KIDDER.

James H. Kidder was born in Bridgewater, Me., in 1845. Although he was barely of legal age at the breaking out of the rebellion, yet he promptly enlisted in Co. C, 14th Maine Inf. Vols. and served till the end of the war.

His regiment was in the 19th army corps, and was for the greater part of the time stationed in the extreme south. The regiment was on guard duty at Darien, Georgia, from June, 1864, till August, 1865. Returning to Bridgewater after the war, he has followed different occupations at dif-



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have helped make Aroostook county what it is, did not have such educational advantages as have the boys of to-day, but an early life of hard work, and deprivation of many privileges, seemed to bring out sterling qualities of manhood of which this generation reaps the benefit.

ZEBULON INGERSOLL, A. W. INGERSOLL.

We present in another place a view of the Ingersoll Homestead, which is a little way out of the village on the Bangor road. Twenty acres of the old homestead now belong to the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Co., and the Houlton station and other buildings are located on this tract of land. Hon. Albert A. Burleigh purchased nearly all of the remainder of the farm, but the house and other buildings, and several acres of land remain in the possession of Col. A. W. Ingersoll, the son of Zebulon Ingersoll, one of the early settlers of Houlton.

Zebulon Ingersoll was born in New Gloucester, in 1800. He came to Houlton in 1823, before there was any road, and the only guide to the pio-



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neer settler was a spotted line through the woods. He built the first store in what is now known as the Square. He was extensively engaged in lumbering, farming, and buying and selling timber and settling land, for fifty years. He was also a trader, and a stirring, energetic man, of strong personality and force of character.

A. W. Ingersoll lives on the old homestead. He was educated at Houlton Academy, and at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. He was a member of the First Maine Cavalry during the war of the rebellion. He was on the staff of Governors Bodwell and Marble with the rank of Lieut. Colonel.

For the last twenty years Col. Ingersoll has been engaged in farming, raising, some years, 175 tons of hay. During the term of President Harrison, he was Deputy Collector and Inspector of Customs at Houlton.

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was spent on a farm, where work the year round, with the exception of ten or twelve weeks in attendance upon the district school in winter, was the rule.

Whether the present age with its changed conditions will produce such a robust, vigorous, upright, honest manhood as was produced in the days of the old fashioned district school, is a doubtful question, but it is certain that many of our solid men of to-day, those of rare judgment, and excellent business ability, came from the obscure school district of some country town.

Mr. Thurlough moved to Fort Fairfield, Aroostook county, in 1868, and is one of the successful farmers of that beautiful town. He has a fine farm, is a member of the grange, and takes great interest in whatever pertains to agriculture. He has seen the county increase in population from 29,000 in 1870 to about double that number at the present time. He has seen it become the first county in the State in regard to agricultural products.

Four years ago Mr. Thurlough was elected County Commissioner, an office that he has filled thus far with great acceptance. He is Chairman of the present board, and is an official of great executive ability, and sound judgment. He is a valued citizen of the handsome and prosperous town of Fort Fairfield.

F. A. NEVERS, M. D.

F. A. Nevers was born in Hartland, New Brunswick, in 1850. His father, William S. Nevers, was a merchant and a lumber operator, and the subject of this sketch early came to know something of trade, and of the lumbering business. Dr. Nevers was educated at the University of Penn., and afterwards took a course in medicine at the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, where he graduated in 1874.

He commenced to practice in his profession at Bridgewater, Aroostook county, succeeding Dr. Young in that town. He next returned to his native town, Hartland, N. B., and practised medicine there ten years. About ten years ago he came to Houlton, and has remained till the present time. He has had a constantly increasing practice here from the first, and is doing



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held by his fellow citizens. He has the reputation of being a man of rare judgment, business ability and strict integrity, and in his official capacity he gives general satisfaction.

A. O. JONES.

A. O. Jones was born in Amity, Aroostook county, but has lived in Houlton for the past fifteen years. He was educated at the Ricker Classical Institute, and was a teacher of common and high schools for eight years. He commenced doing insurance business seven years ago, and has developed wonderful aptitude for that kind of work. His first experience was with the Maine Mutual Benefit Association. Afterwards he was with the Manufacturers Accident Co., for three years.



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Later, he worked for the Union Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Portland. He is at present at work for the New York Life Insurance Co., of New York.

This company was incorporated in 1843 and is to-day one of the largest and safest insurance companies in the United States. This company is writing policies at the rate of \$200,000,000, a year. Mr. Jones has had great success in his work. He is very genial, thoroughly reliable, and does not spoil his business by boring people. He seems to appreciate the fact that insurance business is conducted most successfully by applying the principles that govern in other lines. He can give you safe insurance at the lowest possible rates.

W. S. WIGHT.

W. S. Wight, who has achieved an enviable reputation as a teacher of music in this and other counties in the State, was born in Bethel, Me. For fifteen years he has been a popular and successful teacher of music in conventions, choirs and singing schools. He is a graduate of H. E. Holt's Normal Institute of Vocal Harmony, Boston. Mr. Holt is undoubtedly the finest teacher of music in this country, and his system will be universally adopted in time.

Prof. Wight has taught classes during the past winter, in Presque Isle, Caribou and other towns in the upper part of the county. His work everywhere has been very highly spoken of, and those who have taken lessons of him speak in the highest terms of his efficiency and thoroughness. He would have formed a class in Houlton if the season had not become so far advanced before closing his engagements in Northern Aroostook. He has taught music in schools successfully, and when Houlton shall decide to have that most desirable branch of

Forks, and was at Appomattox when Lee surrendered, his regiment being one of those detailed by Gen. Grant to receive the arms of the rebel soldiers. He was discharged August 4, 1865, and returning home he resumed the occupation of farming and has followed that occupation almost continuously since. He has held, at one time or another, almost every important town office, and in 1885 and 1886 he represented the southern district of Aroostook county in the State Legislature.

In the fall of 1890, he was elected on the board of county commissioners, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of A. A. Burleigh.

In 1892, he was re-elected County Commissioner for the term of six years. In the fall of 1892 he moved to Houlton, as his business as commissioner required him to be in that town a great deal, and as he desired better school privileges for his children. He owns a residence on High street, and will probably reside in Houlton from this time on.

Mr. Dunn is a faithful official, a pleasant, courteous gentleman, and a good citizen of the town and the county.

HON. PARKER P. BURLEIGH.

The Burleigh family has been a noted one in the history of Aroostook county.

Col. Moses Burleigh, who had been an officer in the war of 1812 moved with his family to Linneus, Aroostook county, in 1830. He was born in Sandwich, N. H., but had emigrated in early life to Palermo, Me., and had resided in that town till he moved to Linneus. He was the father of Hon. Parker P. Burleigh, who was born at Palermo, May 16, 1812. He came to Linneus with his father in 1830, and

father died when he was eleven years of age and the young lad was thrown on his own resources.

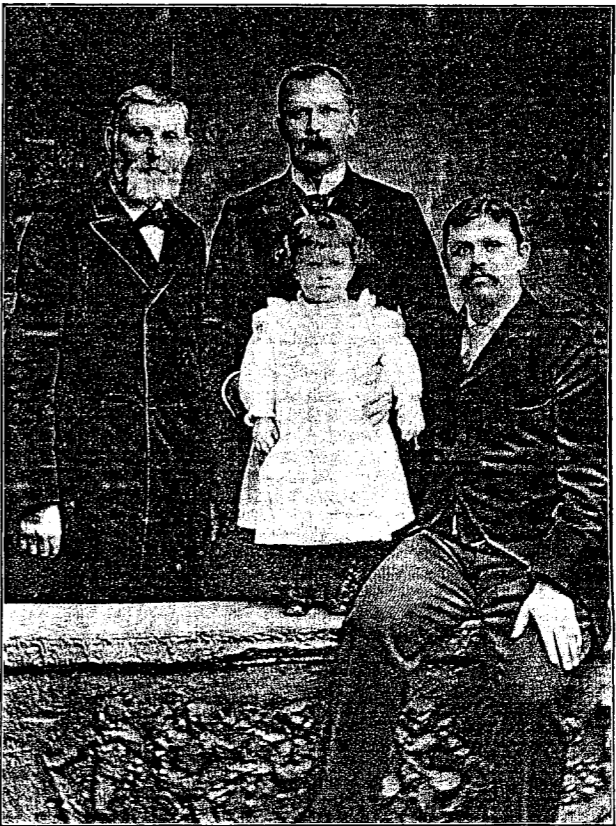
When he was twelve years of age he entered a grocery store, and for seventeen years he sold groceries at



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retail, thus securing a practical knowledge of the business from actual experience. Leaving this position, he became the proprietor of a hotel in the town of Amity, Aroostook county, and for ten years he provided entertainment for man and beast to the acceptance of the traveling public.

In 1884 he became associated with those well-known wholesale Portland grocers, Conant, Patrick & Co., as a commercial traveller. He was assigned to Aroostook and Piscataquis counties, and from that time to the present he has travelled over his route once every two weeks. He has built



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that important position, has shown rare judgment, fairness and executive ability.

Mr. Powers is a self-made man. He was born in a log house, and his early life was spent on a farm. He obtained an education unaided, teaching, at intervals, eleven terms of school, to enable him to pursue his studies at the Institute in his native town.

He came to Houlton and opened a law office in 1861. He soon acquired an extensive practice and was recognized as one of the ablest jury lawyers in the State. He early appreciated the prospective value of Aroostook's wild lands, and purchased, from time to time, large tracts, until his interests in this direction are now very extensive. He donated rights of way to the B. & A. R. R., over all his lands, besides subscribing \$6,000 to aid in building the road.

During the recent political campaign Mr. Powers took an active part both in his own State, and later in the State of New York. He proved himself an able and convincing political speaker, presenting the issues of the day in a clear and logical manner. The high qualities which have so eminently fitted him for the positions of honor and responsibility which he has filled with so much credit to himself and to the constituencies which he has represented, and the experience he has acquired, will fit him for the still higher duties, which he will be called upon to assume, according to present political signs.

FREDERICK A. POWERS.

Frederick A. Powers was born in Pittsfield, Maine, June 19, 1855. He fitted for college at the Maine Central Institute, graduating from that school in 1871. He then entered Bowdoin College, graduating therefrom in 1875. He studied law in the office of his brother, Llewellyn Powers, and was admitted to practice in September, 1876. He speedily gained a reputation for his clear and accurate knowledge of legal principles, soundness as a counsel and ability as an advocate. In 1885, he was elected a representative, serving for two terms. In 1891 he was a member of the Maine Senate. He was regarded as a leader in both House and Senate, and his readiness and vigor in debate were generally recognized.

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Method and system prevail in every department under his charge. He has originated and carried into practice many improvements connected with his various offices. For many years he has kept a file of all the county papers, which he places in covers at the end of the year, affording, by this means, a perfect reference library as to local events in the county.

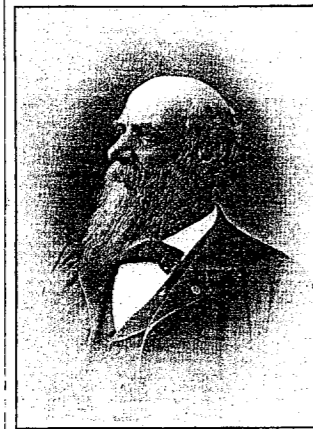
He is always courteous and obliging and is ever ready to give information to all inquirers at his pleasant office in the court house. In politics Mr. Clark is and always has been a Republican. He is at present Chairman of the Town Republican Committee, and under his energetic management the party always gives a good account of itself in Houlton.

Mr. Clark is a public spirited citizen, one that takes great interest in the development and prosperity of Houlton, and of Aroostook county, and every measure that would conduce to these objects always finds in him a friend and supporter.

BLACK HAWK PUTNAM.

Black Hawk Putnam was born in Houlton in 1838. His father, the late John V. Putnam, was one of the early settlers of the town, having moved thither from New Salem, Mass., in 1827. His grandfather, John Putnam, was one of the original settlers that came from New Salem about the year 1805.

John V. Putnam, the father of the subject of this sketch, was sheriff of the county many years, and was a



CAPT. B. H. PUTNAM.

very active, stirring man, doing much to develop the county in the early days of its history. He was a partner of the late Shepard Cary in his store in Houlton, and the older residents of Houlton will remember the sign "Cary & Putnam" over the store now occupied by Fred Verplast, at the corner of Market Square and Court street.

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Mr. Kidder is a very efficient official, a genial gentleman, and very popular in the county where he was born, and where his life has thus far been passed.

ALEXANDER WILSON.

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Alexander Wilson was born in Hodgdon, Aroostook county, in 1844. His early life was spent in Hodgdon on a farm, and his education was obtained in the district school, supplemented by three terms at the Houlton Academy. He was a resident of the town of Hodgdon till 1891. He served one year as a member of the school committee, and was a member of the board of selectmen for fourteen years. The above fact is a good testimonial as to his efficiency and integrity as a servant of the public.

In 1891 Mr. Wilson bought the farm known as the Wentworth Fall farm in Houlton about three miles from the village. It is a fine farm and Mr. Wilson is one of Aroostook's prosperous farmers. He raised last year 1,000 barrels of potatoes, and cut 90 tons of hay. He has not always been a tiller of the soil, however, for he worked 10 years at a mason's trade. He has a residence on Court street in Houlton, preferring to live where he can enjoy the privileges and advantages of the village, and still be near enough to his farm to enjoy the ride to and from it, and to oversee its management.

Mr. Wilson is at the time of this writing, serving his third term on the board of selectmen in Houlton. He belongs to the order of Odd Fellows, and is interested in everything that tends to make the town prosperous.

MELLEN D. PUTNAM.

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M. D. Putnam was born in Houlton in 1849. He was brought up on a farm, receiving only a common school education. He still occupies a part of the old homestead on the Presque Isle road about a mile from the village. He and his brother Albert T. Putnam own several hundred acres of land and carry on farming on quite an extensive scale. They own the Houlton trotting park, which is also, on the Presque Isle road.

Mr. Putnam takes an active interest in the prosperity and growth of the town, and is always ready to assist in any good cause. He has served on the board of selectmen for five or six years, and is a safe, and prudent officer, one that looks out carefully for the interests of the town.

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COL. A. W. INGERSOLL.

The elder Ingersoll was a valuable man in the community, and did much in the early days to develop the town and the county. He left a worthy successor in the son who now resides on the old homestead. A. W. Ingersoll is a good citizen, aiding and upholding whatever is for the best interests of the community.

JAMES R. THURLOUGH.

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James R. Thurlough was born in the town of Monroe, Waldo county, Me., March 6, 1846. His early life



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Hon. James W. Ambrose was born in the town of Industry, Maine, Jan. 3, 1826. He left the parental roof when only nine years of age, and from that time forward he was obliged to depend entirely on his own exertions for support, education or advancement. When a young man he traveled extensively in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina.

Thirty-five years ago he moved with his family to Aroostook county, being one of that great body of pioneers that came to the county just before the war. Probably no county in the State furnished so many men to assist in putting down the rebellion, in proportion to its population, as did Aroostook. Mr. Ambrose became a member of the 17th Maine Regiment which was organized in the summer of 1862, and formed a part of the army of the Potomac.

After his discharge he returned to Aroostook county and was a resident of the town of Sherman many years. He was on the board of selectmen for seven years, and served one term in the Legislature. He has served as county commissioner twelve years, and last fall was elected for another term of six years, this being his fourth election to that office.

His long service in the responsible office to which he has been re-elected, shows the high regard in which he is

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CHARLES E. DUNN.

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Charles E. Dunn was born in Amity, Aroostook county, in 1844. Till the age of twenty he lived with his father, working on the farm during the summer and attending the district school in winter. He enlisted in Co. G, 20th Maine Regt. and was in the battles of Gravelly Run, Five



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lived with him till he was of age. He was educated at Hampden Academy and in the grammar school at Hartford, Conn. While in Hartford he studied military tactics, also. He returned to Linneus after leaving school, and at the incorporation of the town in 1836, he was chosen town clerk, treasurer, collector of taxes and chairman of the superintending school committee, and during his long residence in the town he usually held one or more town offices.

In 1839, he was commissioned captain of Co. M, 6th regiment of Maine militia, and was elected Lieut. Col. of the 7th regiment in 1840. He was one of the County Commissioners for many years, and has also been County Treasurer. He was State Land Agent from 1868 to 1875 inclusive, and in 1869 was appointed chairman of the commissioners on the settlement of the public lands. He is a land surveyor by profession, and owns large tracts of land in Aroostook county, which he has acquired by persistent labor and rare business capacity. He owns the Burleigh homestead in Linneus, to which he has added adjoining lands, and has made it one of the best farms in the county. We present a view of a field on this farm in haying time, in another place.

The group which we present includes four generations, Hon. Parker P. Burleigh, Ex-Governor Edwin C. Burleigh, his son Clarence B. Burleigh, one of the publishers of the Kennebec Journal, and the little son of Clarence B. Burleigh. Parker P. Burleigh has three children: Albert A. Burleigh, President of the B. & A. R. R., who resides in Houlton; Edwin C. Burleigh, who has been Governor of the State and who resides in Augusta, and a daughter married, who resides in North Abington, Mass.

Parker P. Burleigh resides in Houlton. He is now nearly 83 years old, but he is as active and vigorous as many men at 60 years of age. He has the satisfaction of looking back on a long life of honor and usefulness. He sees his children honored and respected and occupying high positions of trust and responsibility. He sees his grand-children coming forward onto the stage of action with promises of honorable and useful lives. He has seen all the wonderful growth and development of the county, and he has lived to see the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad become a reality. May he live yet many years to enjoy the society of friends and neighbors and the companionship of children and relatives.

HOLMAN D. FOSS.

Holman D. Foss was born in Milltown, Maine, April 29, 1850. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, and in the Milltown, N. B., and St. Stephens' Academy. His

up a large trade, and is universally popular among business men on account of his courtesy and fair dealing. He resides in Houlton, on High street. He has a wife and two children, boys, both in school at present. Mr. Foss is a thorough going temperance man. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, a good citizen, and he takes a lively interest in the welfare of the town where he has made his home for the past seven years.

H. EDBLAD.

H. Edblad was born near Gothenberg, Sweden. He came to this country in 1871 and went into the employment of Eben Woodbury in Houlton, and remained with him nearly 20 years, working in the express office, post office, etc.

He married an American lady, and has a residence on Pleasant street. Mr. Edblad became connected with Nelson & Clark, Boston, about six years ago, as their agent in Houlton for buying and shipping potatoes to them. They are located at Nos. 1 and 2 Hoosac Tunnel Market, Charlestown, Mass., and are the heaviest dealers in Boston in potatoes. They buy not only Aroostook potatoes, but many from New York and Vermont. This firm make a specialty of pure seed potatoes which they ship direct from Aroostook county all over the country wherever Aroostook seed potatoes are in demand. The potato house of Nelson & Clark, built last year near the B. & A. R. R. station in Houlton, of which we present a view, is 40 feet by 50, and has a capacity for storing 3,000 barrels.

Nelson & Clark are commission merchants for potatoes and produce, more especially potatoes, and they do an immense business.

Mr. Edblad is also agent in Houlton for the Bowker Fertilizer Co., of Boston and New York, and we present a view of the new fertilizer house erected last year near the B. & A. station. This house is 50 by 100 feet and has a capacity for 5,000 tons. The fertilizer is shipped by vessel to Belfast thence to Houlton by rail, where it is distributed to other points in the county.

The Bowker Fertilizer Co. are the manufacturers of the Stockbridge special fertilizers which are acknowledged to be the best in the market. They manufacture cheaper grades of fertilizers and will guarantee them to be as good as any of their class, but they do not advise any one to purchase the cheaper grades, believing that the best are the cheapest.

The Bowker Co. have a capacity for manufacturing 100 tons of fertilizer for every working day in the year, and their sales in Aroostook county through their efficient agent, Mr. Edblad, are something astonishing.