



NATHANIEL MARSH,
Supervisor for Southfield and Chairman of the Board.

NATHANIEL MARSH, the eldest son of the late Nathaniel Marsh, a former president of the Erie railroad, was born and reared in the Marsh homestead, at Clifton, one of the most stately houses on the hills overlooking New York bay. He is a graduate of Princeton College and of Columbia Law School, head of the law firm of Marsh & Bull, 19 Broadway, New York city, and has been for several years counsel to the board of health.

His first official position was that of trustee from the Southfield ward of the village of Edgewater, and largely through his efforts the village debt, amounting to \$100,000, was paid off and the credit of the village raised to the highest point.

During his term as supervisor for his town, he has seen the interest on the bonded indebtedness descend from seven per cent., with bonds at a discount, to three or three and a half per cent. and selling at the premium—a change that has been wrought largely through his excellent financial ability.

Mr. Marsh is now serving his fourteenth consecutive year as supervisor of the town of Southfield, and for thirteen years of this time he has been unanimously chosen by his associates in the board as their chairman, a record which is probably unequaled by any man in the state of New York. During his long connection with the board of supervisors, Mr. Marsh has rarely missed a meeting except when absent from the county. More than any other man connected with the board, Mr. Marsh has given his time and talent to carry on the business incident to his position and to carry out the many improvements and reforms connected with the affairs of our county. The success of the new county road law, and the construction of nearly thirty miles of the finest roads have been largely due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Marsh.

Mr. Marsh has also, since June 1889, been the police magistrate of the village of Edgewater, a position which he has filled to the great satisfaction of all law abiding citizens, and the gratifying decrease of crime in the community is largely due to the manner in which Mr. Marsh has conducted this important office.

In addition to these public offices, Mr. Marsh is one of the oldest directors of the Staten Island Railway, a director and member of the executive committee of the Richmond County Gas Light Company, of which corporation he is likewise counsel, is one of the original members of the Staten Island Cricket and Base Ball Club, and is now the president of the Clifton Boat Club, vice-president of the Clifton Tennis Club, and a member of the S. I. Athletic Club.