



JOHN S. WARDE,
Superintendent S. I. Water Supply Co.

JOHN S. WARDE, only son of Mary J. and the late William D. Warde, was born near Tarrytown, Westchester county, in 1840. He was educated at Tarrytown, and when only thirteen years of age, he was appointed by Isaac V. Fowler, then postmaster of New York city, to a position in the New York post-office, where he remained until the war broke out in 1861, when he resigned his position and became a member of Company I, of the 9th Regiment N. Y. S. Militia, afterward known as the 83rd N. Y. State Volunteers.

Mr. Warde took quite an active part in raising and equipping the above company, and they left New York June 17th, 1861, to join the regiment which was then at the front, in General Patterson's division, Army of the Potomac. In 1864, he was transferred to the 104th, N. Y. S. Volunteers, and after the surrender of Lee, was mustered out of the service under general order No. 25.

Upon his return to New York, Mr. Warde was appointed to a position in the Erie R. R. under O. H. P. Archer. Some time after this, the Mercantile Safe Deposit Co. was organized, one of the first companies of the kind in New York, and having been tendered a position with them, he severed his connection with the Erie.

In 1873, Mr. Warde moved to Brooklyn, and a short time afterward, obtained a position in the water department of the City Works Department. He was assigned to the purveyors' department under Peter Millne. In 1881, he resigned and came to Staten Island as superintendent of the S. I. Water Supply Company.

When Mr. Warde assumed charge the company possessed one engine, one boiler and fifteen miles of pipe, with a capacity of 1,000,000 gallons per day. There are now three engines, three boilers, about fifty miles of pipe, and the daily capacity is over 5,000,000.

In 1885, he became a member of Medora H. & L. Co., No. 3, and has represented that company in the board of representatives of the North Shore Fire Department since that time. He was vice-president of the board for two years, and he is now serving his sixth term as president. He was on the committee chosen to draw up the articles of incorporation, and was a leading member of the committee instrumental in having the department incorporated. He is also a member of Scotia Lodge F. & A. M., of New York city, and of Tyrian Chapter R. A. M., of Staten Island, of Richmond Post G. A. R., also Staten Island Council, Royal Ar.

canum, and Staten Island Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor commander.

In politics, Mr. Warde has always been an active Republican, and has been on the General Committee from Castleton nearly all the years of his residence on Staten Island. In 1892, he was the Republican candidate for supervisor from the town of Castleton, and although defeated by Robert Moore, Democrat, he reduced his Democratic opponent's usually large majority of from 500 to 800, to 268.

In 1861, two months previous to his enlistment, Mr. Warde married Miss Lizzie Jean Clark, daughter of Mary E. and the late George W. Clark, a well-known New York artist. Mr. and Mrs. Warde have two sons, Charles S. and John S. Jr., the former of whom was married in 1892 to Miss Luqueer Meylert, of Port Richmond, and has one child, Charles S., Jr