

folio being, as we have already stated, that of Minister of Inland Revenue; a post which he has held with firmness and tact, and much to the satisfaction of the public at large.

It was M. Baby who, in 1875, introduced the bill for abolishing the death penalty in cases of assault with attempt to commit rape, &c.—a bill which was subsequently taken up by Mr. Blake, and carried through Parliament. Since entering the Cabinet, he has successfully passed through Parliament Acts for the consolidation and amendment of the Weights and Measures, the Excise Laws, Stamp Acts, Tobacco Laws, &c., and has taken an active and patriotic interest in the affairs of the nation.

In July, 1873, M. Baby was joined in wedlock to Marie Hélène Adelaide, daughter of the late Dr. Berthelot, of Montreal (Knight of the Order of St. Sepulcre of France), by Dame Hélène Guy. He has no issue. M. Baby is a member of the Catholic church, a prominent and beloved mover in society, and a notable figure in literary and religious circles, and appears never to forget his family motto: *Dire vrai ; faire bien.*

HON. JOSEPH NOEL BOSSÉ,

QUEBEC.

THIS gentleman, who only so recently as December last retired from the judgeship in the superior court, was born at Cap St. Ignace, on 25th December, 1807, and is the son of Captain Joseph Bossé by Marie Louise Blais. The lady's ancestors were believed to have settled in Berthier on their first arrival in this country from France, and are amongst the oldest French families in Quebec. Captain Blais, the grandfather of Mrs. Bossé was at the head of the British Loyalists at the engagement of St. Peter, Rivière du Sud, in 1775; while singularly enough, the judge's grandfather headed the opposing force in the same engagement. He was educated at Quebec seminary, and after leaving school made a few sea voyages on board some of his father's ships.

After about twelve months at sea he was placed with Mr. Hamel, the eminent Advocate-General at Quebec, and subsequently was admitted to the bar on the 14th of June, 1833. In 1843 he was appointed judge commissioner to establish a court at Madeleine Islands, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence; hence he visited these islands in that year with this view, and again journeyed thither the following year, and succeeded in establishing for the first time a court there. In 1864 he was elected member of the Legislative Council for division De la Durantaye by a majority of 1000 against the Hon. T. Fournier, now one of the judges of the Supreme Court. In 1865 he was made a Q.C., and called to the Senate in 1867; in 1868 was appointed judge of the superior court of the districts of Montmagny and Beauce, both of which districts contain five counties.