

IRVING, ÆMILIUS, Q.C. [*Hamilton.*]

S. of the late Hon. Jacob Æmilius Irving, who after having served as an officer in 13th Light Dragoons, with which he was present at Waterloo, came to Can., 1834, and after the Union of 1840, sat in the L.C. as a prominent mem. of the Liberal party, warmly supporting Hon. Messrs. Baldwin and Lafontaine in their struggle with Lord Metcalfe, by Catherine Diana, dau. of Sir Jare Homfray of Landaff House, Glamorganshire. B. in Eng., 1823. Ed. at U.C. College. M. in Montreal, 1851, Augusta, dau. of Colonel Gagy of Quebec. Called to the Bar, U.C., Michaelmas Term, 1849: Created a Q.C., 1863. Held for a short period the office of Clerk of the Peace of the Co. of Waterloo, Ont. An unsuccessful candidate for present seat at g.e., 1872. First returned at last g.e. A Reformer. Is of opinion that, "to the first Reform Ministry which has taken office since the Confederation of B.N.A., we have a right to look for measures which shall perfect our Electoral system, including 'an extension of the franchise to some important classes of our fellow subjects, who are excluded by the present law;' protect the vote of the weak against the influence of the strong, by means of the Ballot; follow the Home Parliament in abolishing the