

common law and consultation, and is regarded by many as the leading Chancery lawyer in Western Ontario. He is Solicitor for the City of London.

He was elected a Bencher of the Law Society of Ontario in 1871, and created a Q. C. in 1876. In August, 1872, Mr. Meredith was returned to the seat in the Local Parliament which he now holds, on the resignation of the sitting member, Hon. John Carling, and was re-elected at the general elections, in January, 1875, and June, 1879.

In politics his affiliations are with the Liberal Conservative party, and hence is opposed to the Mowat administration. He favors compulsory voting. He is the leader of his party in the Province. He adheres to the English Church, though not, we believe, a communicant.

Mr. Meredith was a member of the Senate of the University of Toronto, which conferred upon him the degree of LL.B., in 1872.

The wife of our subject was Mary Holmes, daughter of Marcus Holmes of London, Ontario, married June 26, 1862. They have four children living, and lost one son in infancy.

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## JOSEPH CHARLES TACHÉ,

— OTTAWA.

JOSEPH CHARLES TACHÉ, was born at Kamouraska, in the Province of Quebec, on the 24th December, 1820. He is the elder son of Charles Taché, Captain of *Voltigeurs* in the war of 1812, and of Henriette de La Broquerie. The subject of this notice has two brothers, and no sisters, the elder of the former being Louis Taché, a Notary, and Sheriff of the District of St. Hyacinthe; and the younger, His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface.

Mr. Joseph Charles Taché received his classical education in the Seminary of Quebec, and his professional education also at Quebec, he followed the medical courses and attended practice at the Marine and Emigrant Hospital; he was licensed to practice medicine by the Medical Board of Lower Canada, in 1844, and settled at Rimouski, where he continued to follow his profession, and remained until the end of the year 1856. He was married in 1847, to Miss Françoise Lepage, of Rimouski, from which union six children were born; three of whom, two sons and a daughter, survive. During his sojourn of little over twelve years in the County of Rimouski, he represented this constituency in the Canadian Legislature, for a period of ten years, till he resigned his seat in the House of Assembly, at the time of his leaving Rimouski to settle in the city of Quebec, as editor of *Le Courrier du Canada*, a paper founded by persons of high standing, and of which it has been said, "It marked the beginning of a new era in the French journalism of Canada."

In 1855, Mr. Taché, the member for Rimouski, was appointed Commissioner to the Paris