

from it. Was Presdt. of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad in 1852-3, and carried out the amalgamation of that line with the Quebec and Richmond, Atlantic and St. Lawrence, Toronto and Guelph, and Montreal and Toronto, forming the railway system now known as the Grand Trunk Railway, of which line he was a Govt. director, 1857-8. Proposed resolutions in Parliament in favor of a Federal Union of B.N.A. Colonies, 1858, which became the basis of the policy of the Government, which he joined that year under Sir G. E. Cartier, and, together with that gentleman and the Hon. John Ross, proceeded as a delegate to England to urge before the Imperial Govt. the Confederation of B.N.A., and the construction of the Intercolonial Railway. Called upon to form an Administration, 1858, but declined. Was a mem. of Ex. Council and Minister Finance, Can., from 7 Augt., 1858, to 21 May, 1862, when the ministry was defeated on the Militia Bill. Held the same office a second time from March, 1864, to Aug., 1866, when in his capacity of leader and representative of the British population of L.C., he resigned his office and seat in the Cabinet on the educational policy of the administration. Appointed Minister of Finance of the Dominion, 1 July, 1867, on which occasion he was sworn of the Queen's