

METHOT, FRANÇOIS XAVIER OY.D.E. (*Nicolet*.)

Youngest s. of the late F. X. Methot, who represented Quebec in the Parlt. of Old Canada from 1847 to 1851. B. in Quebec, 19 Sept. 1843. Ed. at the Quebec Seminary. M., May 1864, Marie Clora, fourth dau. of the late A. P. Methot, Esq., who sat for Nicolet in Can. Assembly from 1844 to 1847. Represented Nicolet in Quebec Assembly from g.e. 1871; re-elected at g.e. 1875. Returned to House of Commons for same Co., 18 Dec. 1877, on the appointment of Mr. Gaudet to the L.C. of Quebec; re-elected at last g.e. Has been Mayor of St. Pierre les Becquets for several years; is a J.P. and holds a Captaincy in the Militia. An Independent Conservative, and in favour of a judicious protective tariff—*St. Pierre les Becquets, P.Q.*

MILLS, Hon. DAVID, LL.B., P.C. (*Bothwell*.)

Family, which came from near Plymouth, Eng., proceeded to Holland in the time of Charles I, thence to New England with the Puritans, and the descendants removed to N.S. at the time of the Am. revolution. S. of Nathaniel Mills, who removed from U.S. to Can. 1817. B. in the Tp. of Oxford, Kent, Ont., 18 March 1831. Graduated at Michigan University. M., Dec. 1860, Miss M. J. Brown. Was Superintendent of Schools for Co. of Kent from April 1856 to April 1865. Was employed by Ontario Govt. to define the North-Western boundary of the Prov. 1872. (See report on that subject.) Author of a pamphlet on *The Present and Future Political Aspects of Canada* (1869); and another on *The Blunders of the Dominion Government in Connection with the North-West Territory* (1871.) Elected a mem. of the Council of Public Instruction for Ont. (representing the School Inspectors) Aug. 1875. An unsuccessful candidate for a seat in the Council of Public Instruction, Ont. 1874. First returned to Parlt. for present seat at g.e. 1867; re-elected at g.e. 1872; at g.e. 1874, and again at last g.e. Sworn in as Minister of Interior (*vice* Laird) Oct. 1876, which position he held until resignation of Govt., Oct. 1878. An advanced Liberal. Favours the amendment of the Constitution so as to provide for the election of the Senate; for the appointment of Provl. Judges by the Provl. Executives, and the complete separation of Provl. and Federal jurisprudence. Was opposed to admission of British Columbia into the Union, as premature, and the terms of Union as preposterous. He was of opinion that, with more than two thousand miles