

and Canada. Served as Lieut. and Paymaster in the late Glengarry Light Infantry during the war of 1812, was present at the actions of York, Sackett's Harbor, Cross Roads, Fort George, Lundy's Lane and Fort Erie, and was wounded at Sackett's Harbour. M. in 1830, Anna, dau. of Revd. J. Russell, Minister of Gairloch, Ross-shire, Scotland. Is Colonel commanding No. 1 Military District, U. C., and Chief of the Matheson clan. Appointed to the Legislative Council in 1847.—*Perth, C. W.*

MORRIS, Hon. James. [L. M.]

S. of the late Alex. Morris, Esq., of Montreal. B. at Paisley, in Scotland, in 1798. Educated at Mr. Nelson's Academy, Sorel, C. E. First returned to Parliament, in U. C. Legislature, in July 1837, for Leeds. Sat again for Leeds from 1841 to 1844. Appointed Member of the Legislative Council 27th Nov., 1844. Was a Commissioner for the improvement of the navigation of the St. Lawrence from 1837 until the completion of the St. Lawrence Canals. Was the first Canadian Postmaster General, an office which he held from Feb. 1851 to Aug. 1853. Speaker of the Legislative Council from the latter date to Sept. 1854, when he resigned, and again from the 2nd to the 6th Aug. 1858. Was also a member of Board of Railway Com. and Government Director Grand Trunk Railway.—*Brockville, C. W.*

MERRITT, Hon. William Hamilton, J. P. [*Niagara.*]

Only s. of the late Thomas Merritt, Esq., U. E. loyalist of Westchester co., N. Y.; a cornet in the "Queen's Rangers," who served during the Revolutionary war, and emigrated to New Brunswick in 1783, thence to Canada in 1796. He was Surveyor of Woods and Forests in 1800, a Major of Cavalry in 1812, and High Sheriff of the Niagara district from 1803 to 1820, by Mary Hamilton his wife. B. at Westchester, N. Y., 3rd July, 1793. Educated at Ancaster, C. W., and at Windsor College, N. S. Served in the embodied Militia during the war of 1812. M. in 1815, Catherine R., only dau. of Dr. Prendergast, of Mayville, N. Y. Projected the Welland Canal and organized a company which constructed it. Is President of the Welland Railway. Returned to Parliament of U. C. for Haldimand in 1832, and for Lincoln in 1840. Sat for Lincoln, N. R., in united parliament, from 1841 to 1847, and for Lincoln from 1848 to 1860, when he resigned and was returned by acclamation to the Legislative Council for Niagara.—*St. Catharines, C. W.*