

On two occasions declined important appts. under Govt., and after the death of Sir G. E. Cartier refused a seat in the Cabinet owing to the unsettled policy of Govt. on Man. Amnesty and N. B. School questions, but principally on account of Pacific Railway charges then pending. Sat for Laval in Can. Assem. from g. e. 1863 until the Union, and for same seat in the Commons from that event until called to the Senate, 7 Oct., 1873. Represented Laval in Quebec Assem. from the Union until g. e. 1875, when he retired, and was, during the whole of that time, Chairman of the Contingent Committee, and as such effected great reductions in the House expenditure. During the session of 1871 he was offered the Speakership of the Leg. Assem., Quebec, for the next Part., which he then accepted, but during the recess, owing to party dissensions, he thought the Govt. was endangered, and had an interview with the Premier, Mr. Chauveau, the result being the continuation in office of the late Speaker. A Conservative.—*St. Vincent de Paul, Q.*

BENSON, *Hon.* JAMES REA.

Descended from an Irish family of English extraction that came to America, 1815, and settled at Kingston, Ont. M. the eldest daughter of the late Charles Ingersoll, Esq., of Ingersoll, Ont., who for some years represented Oxford in the U.C. Assem. Has been engaged in commercial pursuits, in connection with mills and vessels, for many years. A dir. of the Imperial Bank of Canada, and of the London and Canadian Loan Agency Co.; Vice-Presdt. of the International Suspension Bridge Co., and Presdt. of the Welland Loan Co., and of the St. Catherines Gas Co. Has been Presdt. of the Niagara District Bank, a member of the Town Council of St. Catharines, and of the Co. Council of Lincoln. Was solicited to become a candidate for L. C., Can., upon several occasions, but did not enter public life until 1867, when returned by acclamation for Niagara division; owing, however, to prorogation of Parlt. shortly afterwards, did not take his seat, and, the Union Act coming into force almost immediately, the old Parlt. of Can. ceased to exist. Sat for Lincoln in the Commons from g. e., 1867, until called to the Senate, 14 March, 1868. A Liberal-Conservative.—*St. Catherines, Ont.*

BOLDUC, *Hon.* JOSEPH. (*Lauzon.*)

S. of the late Captain Augustin Bolduc, who was one of