

both by his pen and as a speaker on the public platform, the Liberal party of the Province have been under very considerable obligations, and as a mark of respect, as well as an acknowledgment of his well known talents and faithfulness to his political party, at a general convention of the Liberal party of the Province of Quebec which was held at Montreal, on the 28th of April, 1881, Mr. Joseph Duhamel was unanimously elected president of "The Reform Association."

Mr. Duhamel has been repeatedly solicited to become a candidate for legislative honors, but has always preferred to devote himself to the law, a career in which his energy and ability have been crowned by the highest success. It is not unreasonable to suppose that the sterling qualities which have enabled Mr. Duhamel to acquit himself so well in all the duties that he has undertaken in the past, will win success in a still more extensive field of action, and should he ultimately consent to enter the political arena he will, no doubt, attain the eminence which his conspicuous ability seems to mark out for him. If, however, he should still prefer to devote himself exclusively to the law, as he has done in the past, his great experience, research and eminently judicial qualities entitle him to look forward with confidence to one of the most distinguished positions in the profession.

Mr. Duhamel was married in 1859 to Miss Alphonsine Masson, a daughter of the late Mr. Damase Masson, who was formerly one of the most eminent merchants of the city of Montreal.

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CHRISTOPHER DUNKIN, a Privy Councillor for Canada, and one of the judges of the superior court of the Province of Quebec, was born at Walworth, near London, England, on the 25th of September, 1812; his parents being Summerhays and Martha (Hemming) Dunkin. He received his early education at a private boarding school in England; attended for two years at what is now University College, London (then known as the University of London); one year (1830-31) the logic class at the Glasgow University, with Rev. Dr. Wilkes, now of Montreal, as a fellow student; and in the summer of 1831, his father being dead and his mother having married again, and being resident in New England, he followed her, and entered the junior class in Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. Shortly afterwards his health being somewhat impaired, he severed his student connection with that institution.

In 1833, when the class which he had joined was about to graduate, he was offered the position of instructor in Greek and accepted it. At the end of one year he received the honorary degree of Bachelor of Arts from that University, and the next year became tutor there in Greek.