



Hon. L. O. Taillon, Q.C.

Of all the new Ministers, probably the man best known is the Hon. L. O. Taillon, Q.C., so long leader of the Conservatives in the Provincial House. Mr. Taillon was born at Terrebonne on the 16th of September, 1840, and was educated at Masson College. He studied law, and was called to the Bar in 1865. Ten years later he entered Parliament as a member for Montreal East, and was re-elected in 1878 and 1881. Mr. Taillon was one of the originators of the great French-Canadian demonstration which took place in Montreal on the festival of St. Jean Baptiste, 1875. In 1882 he was appointed a Queen's Counsel; the same year he was elected Speaker, and held the office for two years, when he was appointed Attorney-General. In 1887 he formed the famous two-day Administration which succumbed to the attack of Hon. Mr. Mercier, and went into opposition until the last general election, when he was defeated in Jacques Cartier County by Hon. Mr. Boyer. At the coming election he has every prospect of success, and will be a tower of strength to the new Cabinet.



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