

the section of the Pacific Railway reaching from Lake Superior to Manitoba. Has stated in the Legislature that, in his opinion, it would be to the advantage of the Dominion that the great central region known as Algoma, extending from the 84st to the 95th meridian, that is, from French River to the Lake of the Woods, should be formed into a separate Province.—*Thunder Bay, Algoma; Queen's Hotel, Toronto; Toronto Club.*

DeCOSMOS, Hon. AMOR. (*Victoria, B. C.*)

B. at Windsor, N.S. Ed. there and in Halifax. Unmarried. Went to California, 1852; and to B.C. 1858, where he has since remained. Founded the *British Colonist* newspaper, 1858, which he owned and edited from that date until 1863; founded the *Daily Standard* (same city) for political purposes, 1870; and was editor and proprietor of it until 1872, when he retired from the proprietorship. Has been actively engaged in politics since 1858. Called upon to form an Administration in B.C., 23 Dec. 1872, a duty he succeeded in accomplishing, and in which he held the office of Presdt. of Ex.-Council (without salary), from the date of the Govt's formation until he retired, Feb. 1874, from local politics, owing to the operation of the Act against dual representation. Was special agent and delegate to Ottawa and London, respecting the B.C. Graving Dock and Loan, 1873-74; and again, 1881, a special delegate to England respecting Provincial business. Mr. DeC. was the first British Columbian to advocate the introduction of responsible govt. into that Colony; he was the first person to recommend a Union of the Pacific Provinces, which he succeeded in accomplishing, 1867; and was also the first to advocate the Confederation of B.C.—with the Dominion, and was subsequently instrumental in securing the unanimous acceptance of the terms of Union made with Can. Represented Victoria, in V.I. Assembly, after the Union of V.I. with B.C. Sat in the L.C. almost uninterruptedly from 1867 to 1871; at the Union of B.C. with Can., was returned to both the Assembly and the House of Commons; re-elected to Commons at g.e. 1872, at g.e. 1874, and again at last g.e.—*Victoria, B. U.*

DESAULNIERS, LOUIS LEON L., M.D. (*St. Maurice.*)

Descended from Charles Lesieur, Notary Royal and Solicitor General under the French Govt., and of Francoise-de-Lafond, niece