

## THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

*Lieut.-Governor*:—*His Honor the Honorable DAVID LAIRD, P.C.* S. of the late Hon. Alexander Laird, who came to P.E.I. from Renfrewshire, Scot. 1819, and was for some years a member of the Ex. Council of the colony. B. at New Glasgow, P.E.I. 1833. Ed. at the Presbyterian Seminary, Truro, N.S. M. 1864, Mary Louisa, dau. of the late Thos. Owen, Esq., Postmaster General of P.E.I. By profession, a journalist; was editor of the Charlottetown *Patriot* newspaper. A governor of Prince of Wales' College and a director of the Ottawa Agricultural Insurance Co. Has sat in the Charlottetown City Council. Was a member of the Ex. Council, P.E.I., from Nov. 1872, until April 1873, and while holding that position formed a delegation to Ottawa, with Hon. R. P. Haythorne, to negotiate terms of Union with the Dominion Govt.; the basis agreed upon by the delegation was submitted to the people, and being rejected, on account of the side issues brought up, the Govt. resigned; but a short time afterwards, the same terms, with a slight modification in two clauses, were adopted by the Legislature, and the Island entered the Dominion. Has also being a member of the Board of Works and of the Board of Education. Sworn of the Privy Council and appointed Minister of the Interior, 7 Nov. 1873. Was apptd. in the summer of 1874, a Commissioner to treat with certain Indian tribes in the North-West for the extinguishment of their title to the soil, a mission which resulted in the conclusion of a Treaty at Qu'Appelle Lakes, by which they surrendered a tract of country containing about 75,500 square miles, through the northern part of which the Telegraph and Canada Pacific Railway lines will pass. Sat for Belfast in P.E.I. Assembly from 1871 until the Island entered the Union, 1873, when returned to the House of Commons. Re-elected by acclamation, on his appointment to office, and again at last g.e. 1874. Was Minister of Interior from 1873 until the latter part of 1876, when he was appointed Lieut.-Governor of the North-West Territories.—*Battleford, N. W. T.*

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