

*Nouvelle* (Three Rivers) 1852-53. Founded *Le Bas Canada*, in the same city, 1855, and in 1857 removed to Sorel, where he founded *La Gazette*, of which he continues editor and proprietor. Sat for present seat from November, 1870, until g. e., 1872, when defeated; again elected at last g. e. A Liberal-Conservative, but is thoroughly independent of party.—*King St., Sorel, P. Q.*

BÉCHARD, Major FRANÇOIS. (*Iberville.*)

S. of the late M. Fran. Béchard, of Mount Johnson, P. Q., by Clémence Gozette. B. in Q. Ed. at St. Hyacinthe College. Resided for some years in Illinois, where he m. Mary Eliza, dau. of William Townsend, Esq., of Chicago. Is Major Iberville Reserve Militia. Has been Mayor of St. Gregorie. First returned to Parlt. for present seat at g. e., 1867; re-elected by acclamation at g. e., 1872, and again at last g. e. A Conservative.—*Mount Johnson.*

BENOIT, PIERRE BASILE, J. P. (*Chambly.*) 3RD MEM.

A mem. of a long-established family in Quebec. S. of the late Laurent Benoit, Esq. B. at Longueuil, Que. Ed. at St. Hyacinthe College. M. Delle. Josephine Sicotte, of Boucherville. A mem. of the Agricultural Council of Quebec. Has been Presdt. of the Chambly Agricultural Society for several years, and an active promoter of local Agricultural and Industrial exhibitions. As a farmer has carried off the first prizes from the Party of Labour in Chambly. An unsuccessful candidate for Chambly in Local Assembly at g. e., 1871, and for same seat in Commons, Dec., 1874. Sat for Chambly in present Chamber from g. e., 1867, until g. e., 1874, when defeated. Again returned 7 Jan., 1875, on sitting mem. being unseated and disqualified. A Conservative, and opposed to the present Administration.—*St. Hubert, P. Q.*

BERNIER, HENRI. (*Lotbiniere.*)

S. of the late M. Jean Baptiste Bernier, a native of Cap St. Ignace, Montmagny, P. Q., by Margaret Belanger. B. in the parish of Lotbiniere, P. Q., 5 July, 1821. Ed. there. M. Mdlle. Henrietta Pare. Is principal partner in the firm of H. Bernier & Co., foundry and agricultural implement works; Presdt. of the Deschambault and Lotbiniere Steamboat Co.; and a dir. of the Lotbiniere Industrial and Agricultural Assn. First returned to Parlt.