

Chairman of the Contingent Committee, and as such effected great reductions in the House expenditure; was for some years Chairman of the Private Bills Committee of the Senate. During the Session of 1871 he was offered the Speakership of the Leg. Assem., Quebec, for the next Parlt., which he then accepted, but during the recess, owing to party dissensions, he thought the Govt. was endangered, and had an interview with the Premier, Mr. Chauveau, the result being the continuation in office of the late Speaker. A Conservative.—*St. Vincent de Paul, P.Q.*

BERNIER, Hon. THOMAS ALFRED (*St. Boniface*).

Descended from a French family which came to Canada previous to the Conquest. S. of the late Thomas Bernier, of St. George de Henryville, P.Q. B. there, 15 Aug., 1844. Ed. at the Coll. of St. Hyacinthe. M., 15 Aug., 1871, Julie Malvina, dau. of A. J. Demers of Henryville. Admitted to the Bar in 1869, and practised for some years in St. John d'Iberville, P.Q. Removed to Manitoba, in 1880. Was Superintendent of the Roman Catholic Schools of the Province until their abolition in 1890; Registrar of Univ. of Manitoba, from 1881 to 1892; Asst. Clerk of Leg. Assem.; Chairman Eastern Judicial Dist. Board, Commr. to inquire into the working of the law in connection with the sale of Half Breed lands, etc.; Mayor of St. Boniface, and Presdt. of the St. Jean-Baptiste Assoc. Called to the Senate, 27 Oct., 1892. A Conservative.—*St. Boniface, Man.*

BOLDUC, Hon. JOSEPH (*Lauzon*).

S. of Captain A. Bolduc, one of the descendants of Louis Bolduc, who came to Canada in 1668, as the "Procureur du Roi." B. 22 June, 1847. Ed. in Ste. Marie Coll. and at Laval Univ. M. at St. Francois de la Beauce, 12 Oct., 1873, M. G. A. Mathieu. Is a notary and a lumber manufacturer. Was Mayor of the parish in which he resides, and Warden of the Co. of Beauce for several years; also a Dir. of the Levis & Kennebec Railway and of the Co. Agricultural Assoc. Has successfully promoted the building of the Tring & Megantic Railway, which gives Quebec and Levis the shortest route to the Maritime Provinces and New England. Was elected, June, 1876, a mem.