

DAWSON, JOHN A. (*Pictou*).

A merchant. First returned to Parlt., for present seat, at last g.e. A Liberal ; and a supporter of the Mackenzie Administration.—*Pictou, N.S.*

DE COSMOS, 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 active'y 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, 1873-4. Mr. De C. 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