

He is Lieut.-Colonel, commanding the 9th Battalion Volunteer Militia, or *Voltigeurs de Québec*; a member of the Council of the Dominion Rifle Association, and a Vice-President of the Dominion Artillery Association. He held the command of the 7th Military District during the Fenian troubles in 1868, and holds a first-class certificate of the Board of Examiners, and also of the Military School.

Colonel Panet sat in the Senate for "La Salle" division, from March 2, 1874, to February 5, 1875, at which latter date he was appointed to the office of Deputy to the Minister of Militia and Defence, a position for which he is peculiarly adapted, and the duties of which he is discharging with unqualified satisfaction.

Colonel Panet has had two wives and lost both. The first was Miss Lussier, daughter of Felix Lussier, Esq., Varennes, in the District of Montreal, married in 1855, and dying in 1859. She left two children, both still living. His second wife was Miss Harwood, daughter of Hon. R. W. Harwood, of the parish of Vaudreuil, of the District of Montreal, a member of the Legislative Council, married in 1862. She died in April, 1878, leaving eight children.

HON. JOHN O'CONNOR, Q.C.,

OTTAWA.

THE subject of this sketch is descended from two distinct families of the same name, of Kerry, Ireland; his parents being John and Mary O'Connor, though not related within known degrees of kinship. They emigrated to the United States in 1823, and settled in Boston, Mass., where our subject was born, January 21, 1824. When he was four years old the family removed to Upper Canada, settling in the County of Essex, in the extreme western part of what is now the Province of Ontario, where the son received his education in common, grammar and private schools. He read law under W. D. Baby, of Sandwich, same county; attended several terms at the law school in Toronto: was sworn in as Attorney-at-law, in 1852; was called to the Bar, Hilary Term, in 1854, and practised at Windsor and Sandwich, residing at the former place, till 1872, when he removed to Ottawa. Here he continues the practice of his profession, and as an advocate has no superior at the Ottawa Bar, and few equals in the eastern part of the Province.

Mr. O'Connor was created a Queen's Counsel in 1872, and is a member of the Michigan Bar; was at one period Reeve of Windsor; was warden of Essex for three years, being elected twice by the unanimous vote of the County Council; was for twelve consecutive years chairman of the Board of Education of Windsor; was sworn of the Privy Council, and was its President from July 2, 1872, to March 4, 1873, when he was appointed Minister of Inland Revenue.