

religion, a R. C., hé m. Jan., 1871, Mdle. Josephine de Boucherville, of Boucherville, P.Q.—“*Sorel Villa*,” 243 Augusta St., Ottawa.

“A man of high culture.”—*Citizen*.

**TAILLON, Hon. Louis Olivier**, statesman, is the s. of Aimé Taillon, by his wife Marie Josephite Daunais, and was b. at Terrebonne, P.Q., Sept. 26, 1840. Ed. at Masson Coll., he studied law under Fabre, Lesage and Jetté, and afterwards with the present Mr. Justice Girouard, and was called to the bar, 1865. He commenced the practice of his profession in Montreal, where he has since remained, and is now head of the firm of Taillon, Bovin & Morin. Mr. T. was created a Q. C., by the Marquis of Lorne, 1882; was a comnr. under the Municipal Loan Fund Act, 1880-82; and was elected *Bâtonnier* of the bar, 1892. He was one of the originators of the great French-Can. national demonstration at Montreal, 1874, and at the Provl. g. e. in the following year entered public life as mem. for Montreal East, defeating Joseph Duhamel, Q.C., the Lib. candidate, by a majority of 357 votes. He was elected Speaker of the Assembly, 1882, and held that post for one year. On Jan. 23, 1884, he was sworn a mem. of the Ex. Council with the portfolio of Atty.-Genl., the Hon. J. J. Ross being Premier. After the g. e. of 1886, when the Riel agitation had been the means of carrying the late Mr. Mercier and his friends into power, Mr. T. resigned his portfolio, and 5 days afterwards, Jan. 25, 1887, undertook the task of forming an Admn. to meet the new Assembly, in which his party would be in a minority. Two days afterwards he and his colleagues resigned, and Mr. Mercier became Premier. Mr. T. acted as leader of the Opposition up to the g. e. 1890, when he was defeated in Montreal East by L. O. David (*q.v.*). Upon the dismissal of the Mercier ministry by the Lt.-Gov., in Dec., 1891, Mr. T. accepted a seat in the de Boucherville Cabinet without portfolio, and

acted as leader of the Govt. in the Assembly during the session, having in Mch., 1892, obtained a seat in Chambly. In Dec. of the following year he succeeded Mr. de Boucherville as Prime Minister, and continued to hold office till May 1, 1896, when he entered the Tupper Admn. at Ottawa as Postmaster-Genl. At the ensuing Dom. g. e. he ran for the new constituency of Chambly-Verchères, and was defeated by Mr. Geoffrion by a majority of 394. He retired with his colleagues in July, and is now in private life. It is understood that he declined a seat on the bench in 1891. He is a V.-P. of the Lib.-Con. Club, Montreal, and, in 1895, received the hon. degree of D.C.L. from Bishop's Coll. Univ., Lennoxville. In religion, a R. C., he m. July, 1875, Maria Louise Georgina, dau. of the late Hon. P. U. Archambault, M.L.C. (she d. Jan., 1876).—80 St. Gabriel St., Montreal; *Quebec Garrison Club*.

“A man of unblemished character and good purpose.”—*Gazette*.

“An upright, sympathetic gentleman, whose influence was given to anything and everything that would increase the order and welfare of his Province.”—*E. L. Bond (Citizens' League)*.

**TAIT, Rev. James** (Presb.), author, was b. on the estate of Baillie of Jerviswood, Scot., Apl. 6, 1829. Coming to Can., with his parents, in the thirties, he was ed. at Knox Coll., Toronto; later, he attended Edinburgh Univ. For a time he studied Chemistry under the late Prof. Croft, at Toronto Univ., and Animal Physiol. under Dr. Rolph, in the Toronto Sch. of Med. Ordained to the ministry, 1866, he became pastor of Fitzroy Harbor, Ont., where he remained until 1884. Devoting himself to authorship, he published, 1884: “*Mind in Matter: a short Argument on Theism*,” which has run through three editions. This work has been declared “an able and original contribution to Theistic literature” (*Glasgow Herald*), and to present “many new and striking arguments” (*Brit. Quar. Rev.*) In 1896 he published,