

# PROMINENT MEN OF CANADA.

LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON,  
G.C.B., P.C.,

*Governor-General of Canada.*

THE RIGHT HON., FREDERICK ARTHUR, LORD STANLEY, of Preston, Governor-General of the Dominion, is a younger son of the fourteenth Earl of Derby, and brother of the present holder of the title. His mother was Emma, daughter of the first Lord Skelmersdale, of Lancashire, England. His Excellency was born in London in 1841, and received his education at Eton, after which he entered the Grenadier Guards. From this he retired in 1865 with the rank of captain. He then entered political life, representing in the Conservative interest, first Preston, and afterwards North Lancashire. In 1868 he became, for a few months, one of the lords of the Admiralty, and from 1874 to 1877 he acted as financial secretary for war, and afterwards became financial secretary to the treasury. In 1878, having become a colonel in the army, he was appointed secretary of state for war, in succession to the Hon. Mr. Hardy, now Lord Cranbrook, and was sworn of the Privy Council. In the autumn recess of that year he and the late Hon. W. H. Smith, then first lord of the Admiralty, with a numerous suite, visited the island of Cyprus. Early in 1880 he went out of office with his party. In Lord Salisbury's government he was for a time secretary of state for the colonies, and in the cabinet of August, 1886, was appointed president of the Board of Trade, and raised to the peerage with the title of Lord Stanley of Preston. In 1888 he succeeded the Marquis of Lansdowne in the Governor-Generalship of Canada, and in this viceregal office he has made himself popular with all classes of the people. In 1864, His Excellency married Lady Constance, eldest daughter of the fourth Earl of Clarendon. He is heir presumptive to the earldom of Derby.

SIR JOHN J. CALDWELL ABBOTT,  
K.C.M.G., P.C., D.C.L.,

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SIR JOHN JOSEPH CALDWELL ABBOTT, K.C.M.G., formerly leader of the Government in the Senate of Canada, and now Prime Minister and President of the Queen's Privy Council, Ottawa, was born at St. Andrew's, county of Argenteuil, Lower Canada, on the 12th March, 1821. He is a son of the Rev. Joseph Abbott, M.A., first Anglican incumbent of St. Andrew's, who emigrated to this country from England in 1818, as a missionary, and who, during his long residence in Canada, added considerably to the literary activity of the country. The Rev. Mr. Abbott married Harriet, daughter of the Rev. Richard Bradford, first rector of Chatham, Argenteuil county, P.Q. The first fruit of this union was the subject of this sketch, now Premier of the Dominion. John J. C. Abbott was carefully trained at St. Andrew's with a view to a university course, and in due time he was sent to Montreal, entering McGill University. At this institution he greatly distinguished himself for his brilliancy as well as for his soundness and industry. In due time he graduated as a B.C.L., and subsequently was Dean of the Faculty of Law in his *alma mater*. In October, 1847, he was called to the bar of Lower Canada. Upon commercial law he became one of the leading authorities of the country, and he had not been long in practice before he established for himself the reputation of a wise and capable counsellor. In 1859, he first entered political life as representative for Argenteuil in the Canadian Assembly, and this constituency he represented till the Union, when he was returned for the House of Commons. From May, 1862, to May, 1863, he was a member of the Executive Council and Solicitor-General for Lower Canada. From 1874 to 1878 he was out of public life, but since that