

ROYAL, Hon. JOSEPH, LL.D. (*Provencher.*)

B. at Repentigny, P.Q., 7 May 1837. Ed. at the Jesuits' College, Montreal. Called to the Bar L.C., 1864, and to the Bar of Manitoba, 1871. As an advocate, has been retained in many important causes, the most notable of which were those of the Queen vs. Ambroise Lépine, and the Queen vs. Naud, tried at the Manitoba Criminal Assizes, Oct 1874, for the execution of Thomas Scott, under the Provisional Govt. of Louis Riel, and in which he was associated with Hon. J. A. Chapleau, Q.C., as a Counsel for the defence. Was for some years one of the Asst. French Translators to the Can. Assembly. Has been a prominent writer on the French Can. newspaper and periodical press for a lengthened period. Edited the Montreal *Minerve* from 1857 until 1859, when he established *L'Ordre*, which he conducted until 1860. Was one of the founders of *La Revue Canadienne* 1864, to which he contributed many valuable and interesting papers. In 1867, founded, with others, *Le Nouveau Monde* (Montreal), of which he became chief editor. In 1871, shortly after his removal to Manitoba, established *Le Métis*, of which he still remains editor and proprietor. Is leader of the Métis and French Canadians of Manitoba. Author of *Vie Politique de Sir Louis H. Lafontaine* (1864), and of many other important contributions to French Canadian literature. Was one of the Secretaries to the Montreal Central Committee, and took an active part in organizing the Papal Zouaves who were sent to the assistance of the Holy Father, 1868. Elected First Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manitoba, in 1877, and re-elected 1878. Apptd. a Commr. for the Consolidation of the Statutes of the Province, in May 1877, together with Chief Justice Wood. Elected Speaker of the first Leg. Assembly of Manitoba 1871, an office he vacated March 1872, on being apptd. a member of Ex. Council, and Provl. Secy. of the Province; resigned with the Govt. 8 July 1874. Re-apptd. to the Cabinet, with the offices of Provl. Secy. and Minister of Public Works, 3 Dec. 1874. Resigned office of Public Works, and accepted that of Atty. Genl., May 1876, which he held until resignation of Govt., when he was offered and accepted portfolio of Min. of Public Works in the new Administration, 1878. Early in 1878, a difference of opinion having arisen between the Premier and Mr. Royal, the latter resigned. Apptd. a mem. of the Ex. Council for the North-West Territories, 1873. Was the first Supt. of Education (apptd. 1871) for Manitoba, and as such exerted himself in having the law explained and carried