

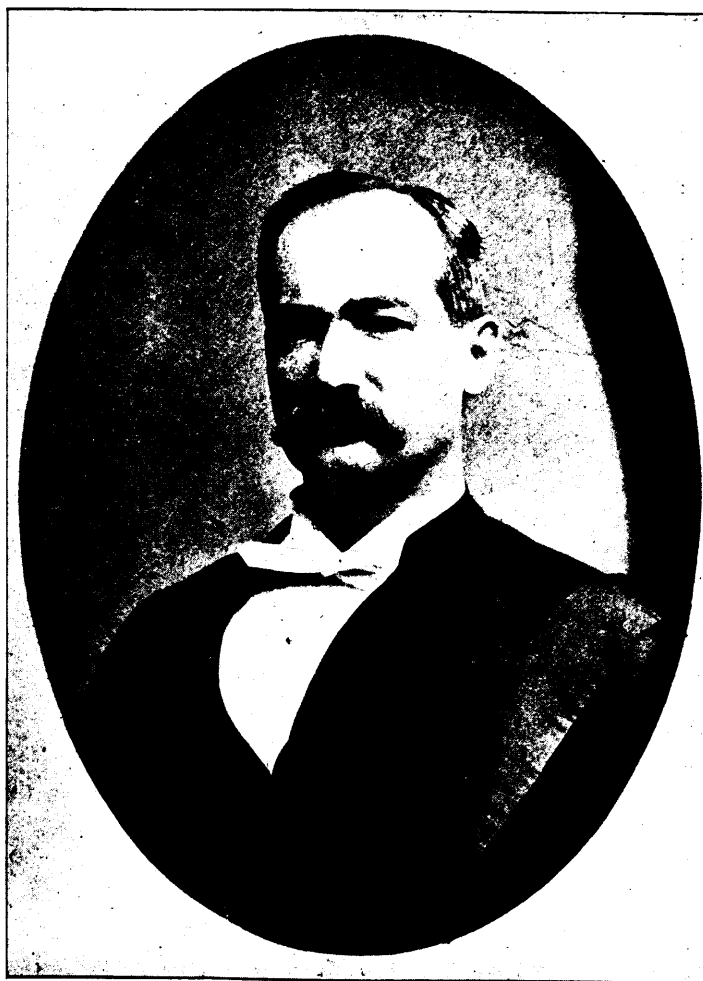


LAC DES ALLUMETTES.

The Hon. J. A. Ouimet.

Lieut.-Col. the Hon. Joseph Alderic Ouimet, LL.B., Q.C., M.P., P.C., Laval, who was last week sworn a member of the government of Canada, is a member of one of the oldest families in the Montreal district. He is a son of Mr. Michael Ouimet, J. P., and was born at Ste. Rose, P. Q., on May 20th, 1848. His education was received at the Seminary of St. Therese de Blainville and Victoria College, Cobourg, where he graduated in 1869 with the degree of LL.B. Having chosen the law as his profession he was called to the Quebec bar in 1870, and has since pursued an eminently successful legal career, being now the head of the well known Montreal firm of Ouimet & Emard. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1880, when he was also appointed Crown Prosecutor, jointly with Mr., now Justice, Chas. P. Davidson. They both filled that very important office with the greatest efficiency and honour until 1887. Col. Ouimet has always taken an active interest in military affairs, and rose to the rank of Lieut. Colonel of the 65th Battalion, Mount Royal Rifles, which he commanded during the Northwest rebellion in 1885. His battalion was in the field in the Edmonton district, and Lieut.-Col. Ouimet rendered valuable service in pacifying the Indians and prevailing upon the half-breeds to maintain their loyalty to the Government. Col. Ouimet has been for the last three years, and is yet, chairman of the Council of the Dominion Rifle Association, and has always been a warm friend of that organization. He is interested in educational work, and in 1874 was appointed a member of the Board of Roman Catholic School Trustees for Montreal. The parliamentary experience of Col. Ouimet, for a man of his years, has been remarkably long and successful. In October, 1873, when only 25 years old, he was returned to parliament, after a fierce fight, against Mr. L. O. David, one of the brightest champions of the Liberal party. He was re-elected by acclamation at the general elections of 1874, and again in 1878 and 1887. He was also returned in 1891, and from 13th April, 1887, to the position of Speaker of the House of Commons, an office for which his ability and experience amply fitted him. Col.

Ouimet possesses a wide knowledge and clear grasp of public affairs in Canada, and is an able and eloquent speaker. On the 20th of May last, his 44th birthday, he was sworn a member of Her Majesty's Privy Council for Canada.



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