

BECHARD, *Hon. FRANCOIS.*

S. of the late M. Fran. Bechard, of Mount Johnson, P.Q., by Clemence Gozette. B. 18 April, 1830. Ed. at St. Hyacinthe Coll. Resided for some years in Illinois, where he m. Mary Eliza, dau. of William Townsend, Esq., of Chicago. A farmer. Is Major of Ibrerville Reserve Militia. Has been Mayor of St. Gregoire. Sat in the House of Commons continuously from 1867 until July, 1896, when he resigned and was appointed to the Senate, 17 July, 1896. A Liberal.—*Mount Johnson, P.Q.*

BELLEROSE, *Lieut.-Col. Hon. JOSEPH HYACINTHE, J.P.*
(*De La Naudiere*).

S. of the late M. H. Bellerose, Esq., merchant, Three Rivers, P.Q., by Sophie Le Maitre de Lottinville. B. at Three Rivers, 12 July, 1820. Ed. at the Coll. of Nicolet and St. Hyacinthe. M., 1847, Henrietta, dau. of Lieut.-Col. Armand, and sister of Hon. J. F. Armand, Senator. Was for many years Vice-President of the Sovereign Fire Insu. Co.; Mayor of the Municipality; Comm. under 2 Vict., c. 29, Stat. L. C., and Presdt. of the Union Navigation Co. Has been long and prominently connected with the Volunteer Militia movement in L. C., and in 1859 was Commander of the whole Force in Military District No. 8. Is now Lieut.-Col. commanding Laval Reserve Militia. In 1858, H. M. the Queen, being desirous of showing her estimation of his military services, charged Sir E. W. Head, then Gov.-General, to offer him a captaincy in the 100th or "Prince of Wales Royal Can. Regiment," then being organized, a position he accepted, but subsequently, for private reasons, resigned, notwithstanding that he had passed the necessary examinations therefor. On two occasions declined important appts. under Govt., and after the death of Sir G. E. Cartier refused a seat in the Cabinet owing to the unsettled policy of Govt. on Man. Amnesty and N. B. School questions, but principally on account of Pacific Railway charges then pending. Sat for Laval in Can. Assem. from g.e., 1863, until the Union, and for same seat in the Commons from that event until called to the Senate, 16 Oct., 1873. Represented Laval in Quebec Assem. from the Union until g.e., 1875, when he retired, and was during the whole of that time