

terior economy of the House of Commons, and was also chairman of the railway committee of the Privy Council. In compliance with the wishes of this council, 1871, he visited British Columbia, in order to acquire a knowledge of that far-away and then new province, in relation to the Pacific railway, and its western terminus; and also to study the requirements of that province, and ascertain, by accurate and careful observation, what public works it most needed.

Sir H. L. Langevin was the leader of the Lower Canada Conservatives in the memorable session of 1873, while Sir George E. Cartier was absent in England; was also designated by the Conservative members, after the death of Sir George, in June, 1873, as their leader in the Province of Quebec; and in November of that year he went out of power with the rest of the ministry of the Dominion.

Sir H. L. Langevin was elected to the House of Commons for Charlevoix in January, 1876; was re-elected for the same constituency in April, 1877, after being unseated on petition; contested Rimouski without success at the general election in September, 1878; and was elected by acclamation for Three Rivers in the November following. He was sworn of the Privy Council as postmaster-general on the 19th of October of that year, and held that office until transferred to the public works in May, 1879.

Sir H. L. Langevin was created a companion of the bath in 1868, a knight commander of St. Gregory the Great in 1870, and a knight bachelor of Great Britain, and a knight commander of St. Michael and St. George, on the 24th May, 1881.

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HON. WILLIAM H. WEBB, Q.C.,  
MELBOURNE.

WILLIAM HOSTE WEBB, a prominent lawyer and politician in the district of St. Francis, was born in Hampshire, England, on the 24th of November, 1820. His father was Captain Edward Webb, who was of the royal navy, served under Sir William Hoste, one of Lord Nelson's celebrated officers, and owed his promotion to deeds of bravery and valor, coming to Lower Canada in 1836, with his family, and dying at Brompton. The mother of our subject, before her marriage, was Sarah Ann Whitcomb, a native, like her husband, of Hampshire.

Mr. Webb was educated at the royal navy school, near London; studied law with Messrs. Mack and Muir, of Montreal; was admitted to the bar of Lower Canada in 1851, and for thirty years has been practising in the several courts of the district already mentioned, being made a Queen's Counsel in 1864; his standing in the profession is highly creditable.

Mr. Webb entered public life in 1857, when he was elected to the Canadian Parliament for the counties of Richmond and Wolfe, and held that seat until the Confederation in 1867, when he was returned to the House of Commons for the same constituency. At the general election