

MACDONALD, *Hon. Sir JOHN ALEXANDER, K. C. B., D.C.L., (oxon) LL.D., Q.C., P.C.* [*Kingston.*]

Eldest s. of the late Hugh Macdonald, Esq., of Kingston, Ont., and formerly of Sutherlandshire, Scot. B. in 1815. Ed. at the Royal Grammar School, Kingston, under Dr. Wilson, a Fellow of Oxford University. M., 1st, Isabella, dau. of the late Alexander Clark, Esq., of Dalnavert, Inverness-shire, Scot., (she d. 1856); 2ndly, 1867, Susan Agnes, dau. of the late Hon. T. T. Bernard, a mem. of H. M. Privy-Council of the Island of Jamaica. Called to the Bar, U. C., in Hilary Term, 1836. Created Q. C., 1846. A Bencher of the Law-Society, U. C. Is the grand representative in Can. of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Eng., and holds the rank of a Past Grand Senior Warden of the Freemasons of Can. Was a mem. of the Ex. Council Can., from 11 May, 1847, to 10 March, 1848, from 11 Sept., 1854, to 29 July, 1858, from 6 Aug., same year, to 23 May, 1862, and from 30 March, 1864, until the Union; and was during these several periods, Receiver Genl. from 21 May to 7 Dec., 1847; Commissioner of Crown Lands from latter date to 10 March, 1848; Attorney General for U. C. from 11 Sept., 1854, to 29 July, 1858, when as Prime Minister he and his Cabinet resigned on being defeated on the Seat of Govt. question. Returned to office on 6 Aug., same year, as Postmaster Genl., a position which he resigned on following day, on his re-appointment as Attorney Genl., U. C., which he continued to hold until the defeat of the Administration on the Militia Bill, in May, 1862, when he and his colleagues again retired from office. Sir George E. Cartier and he led the Opposition in the Assembly, and so continued until the formation of the Taché-Macdonald Govt., 30 March, 1864,