

ually grow into infidelity. And very probably Mr. Bellemare was right. Mr. Bellemare was admitted to the bar, but never practised there, he having been won away to the journalistic field where he accomplished such doughty and brilliant work. At the confederation of the provinces he was appointed to the office which he fills at the present time; and during his many years of official life no complaint has been uttered against him, he being a most zealous and capable officer. He received a diploma as corresponding member of *La Société des Antiquaires de Normandie*; held the office of alderman of St. Lewis ward, Montreal, for six years, showing great ability in this field, and receiving the hearty recognition of his fellow citizens. He was one of the originators, and the secretary, of the graduates of Nicolet College, which was held in 1866; was connected with the organization of the Canadian Zouaves; and was for many years secretary of the St. Jean Baptiste Society. He has been one of the board of the Fabrique of Notre Dame; and is one of the directors of the Montreal City and District Savings bank. He has been for over twenty years president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and has been a prominent and active member in that body. He has kept up his literary connections, and his contributions could always be known by their strong flavour of the writer's individuality. He is one of the founders of the *Société Historique de Montreal*, and is known for his taste for historical researches and his most valuable and rare collection of books. In 1849 he married Anastasie Geoffrion, daughter of Romain Geoffrion dit St. Jean, of Boucherville. She died in 1882, having had five children, three sons and two daughters. The two daughters only are now living, Mathilde, the elder, is the wife of D. L. Desaulniers, advocate, now in the parliamentary service at Ottawa, as French translator. Josephine is the wife of P. A. Jodoin, commercial and manufacturers' agent, residing at Belœil. In May, 1885, Mr. Bellemare was a second time united in marriage, his present wife being Mde. M. L. Euchariste Normandin, who was the widow of the late Alfred Normandin, merchant, of Montreal.

Connée, James, Port Arthur, M.P.P. for West Algoma, was born in the township of Sydenham, County of Grey, on the 13th October, 1849. He is a son of Matthew and Rosanna (Shaughnessy), his mother being a native of the County of Leitrim, Ireland. Matthew Connée came to Canada from the County of Sligo, Ireland, when

very young, with his father, who settled near the present town of Belleville, where he engaged in the lumber trade. After remaining here some time, he (the grandfather) removed to the township of Sydenham, where he engaged in farming. He died in 1850. One of his sons was Matthew, the father of the subject of this sketch, who also engaged in farming in the township of Sydenham, leaving at his death in 1876, three of a family, the subject of this sketch being the youngest. James Connée received a common school education, terminating his studies at the Owen Sound Grammar school, and left school about the age of fifteen. Thereafter he engaged at various occupations for a short time. During the American war he enlisted in the Northern army in the 8th New York Cavalry, under the command of General Custer. He was sent to the front; and was engaged in a battle shortly before the surrender of Lee. After the war was ended, he returned to Canada, and engaged in railway construction both in Canada and the United States, until 1871, when he removed to Port Arthur, Algoma District, where he has been engaged in contracting and railroad building since. He tendered for Section A of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and upon his tender the work was let, a company being formed for the carrying out of the contract. Mr. Connée sold out to the company, taking a sub-contract from them for a portion of the same line. In 1877 he was elected to the town council of Port Arthur, and remained in that body for several years. In 1881, Mr. Connée was appointed a justice of the peace. In 1882, Mr. Connée became actively engaged in the construction of the Canada Pacific Railway, east of Port Arthur, as the head of the firm of Connée & McFennan, handling about sixty-four miles of the Lake Superior section. In 1884 the C. P. R. Co. commenced falling behind in payments, and Mr. Connée's firm completed their contracts upon their own resources; but owing to no settlement having been arrived at between Mr. Connée and his firm with the C. P. R., he instituted a suit against the company for \$300,000, the action being now in legal progress. He was elected mayor in 1885, and in the same year was elected to the Ontario legislature, defeating I. C. Gough, the Conservative candidate, by a majority of eighty-three votes. He is a member of the Masonic craft, lodge No. 287, Port Arthur. In politics, he is a Reformer. Mr. Connée is a Roman catholic; and he married, in 1875, Emily F., daughter of Joseph Cox, of