

COLTER, CHARLES WESLEY. (*Haldimand.*) 2nd Mem.

Fifth s. of Samuel Colter, a native of Manor Hamilton, Co. of Leitrim, Irel., who came to Canada and settled at Sheffield, N.B., in 1826. B. in York Co., N.B., Feb., 1846. Ed. at Sackville Academy and at the Univ. of New Brunswick, where he graduated B. A. in 1865. Took Scholarship and Honours in English Literature and Classics. M., Dec., 1869, Annie, dau. of John Folinsbee, of Canboro. Was a teacher in the High Schools of Cayuga and Dunnville for several years. Called to the Bar, Ont., 1879. First returned to Parlt. 8 Sept., 1886, on the death of the sitting member, Mr. Thompson, but did not take his seat, owing to the dissolution of Parlt. in the following month of January. Was an unsuccessful candidate at g.e., 1887, and at the bye election held 12 Nov., 1887. Returned to Parlt. at bye election held 30 Jan., 1889. A Liberal. Favours the abolition of the Senate, and of the superannuation of public servants. Opposed to Railway and other subsidies.—*Cayuga, Ont.*

COOK, HERMAN HENRY. (*East Simcoe.*)

Fifth s of the late Capt. George Cook, a U.E. Loyalist; nephew of Capt. John Cook, who represented Dundas in the U. C. Assem. from 1829 until Responsible government was obtained, when he resigned; brother of J. W. Cook, Esq., who represented Dundas in the Can. Assem. from 1857 until 1861; and brother of S. S. Cook, Esq., who lately represented the same Co. in the Ont. Assem. from Confederation to Jan., 1875. B. in the Tp. of Williamsburg, Dundas, Ont., 26 April, 1837. Ed. at Iroquois Grammar School. M., 1861, Miss White. A lumber merchant. An unsuccessful candidate for North Simcoe in Leg. Assem. at g.e. 1871. First returned to Commons for North Simcoe at g.e., 1872; re-elected at g.e. 1874. Unseated on petition, 11 Nov., 1874; re-elected 23 Dec., same year. Elected for East Simcoe in Leg. Assem. at g.e., 1879, but resigned 1882. Elected for present seat in the Commons at g.e. 1882, and re-elected at the last g.e. A Reformer. Is in favour of Free Trade with the world; but if that cannot be obtained, the next best trade policy in his opinion would be unrestricted reciprocity with the United States. Imperial Federation not being within the range of practical politics, he sets that idea aside as not worth serious consideration from a Colonial standpoint. Canada should make her own treaties with other nations. On former occasions she has invariably been at a disadvantage in