

and for the Commons, at the g. e. 1878. He stood also for the Ho. of Commons in Montreal East at the g. e. 1891. He was elected to the Legislature for the last-named constituency (defeating Atty.-Genl. Tailon) at the g. e. 1886, and sat throughout the Parlt. Declining re-nomination in 1890, because he could not accept absolutely the policy of the late Mr. Mercier, he has since remained out of public life. While a mem. of the Legislature he was instrumental in introducing measures for the protection of the wages and furniture of the workingmen, and for the reduction of law costs. In 1888 he was apptd a del. from the Assembly to the French-Can. National Convention, at Nashua, N.H. In May, 1892, he was elected City Clerk of Montreal, a position he still retains. Mr. D. has done much to foster and strengthen the national spirit in the Province of Quebec. He was Presdt. of the St. Jean Baptiste Soc., Montreal, 1887-8, and laboured for over 12 yrs. towards securing the creation of the national building which it now possesses, and of establishing in connection therewith courses of public lectures for the instruction of the French-Can. people. His published works include: "Biographies et Portraits" (1876), "Les Héros de Chateauguay" (1883), "Les Patriotes de 1837-38" (1884), "Mes Contemporains" (1894), "Les deux Papineau" (1896), "Le Clergé Canadien: sa mission et son œuvre" (do.). In the last-named work the author took strong ground against certain of the R. C. clergy in the Province of Quebec for undue intervention in political matters. The book, though approved by many eminent theologians, was, nevertheless, condemned by the Congregation of the Index at Rome. He is a Fellow of the Royal Soc. of Can. In religion, he is a R. C. He m. 1st, 1868, Miss Albina Chenet (she d. July, 1887); and 2nd, 1892, Miss Ludvine Garceau.—43 Cherrier St., Montreal.

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**DAVIDSON, Hon. Charles Peers**, judge and jurist, is the eld. s. of the late Capt. Alex. Davidson, of Montreal, a vol. mil. offr. in 1837, by his wife Marion, dau. of Jas. Peers, H. M.'s 16th Light Dragoons. B. at Huntingdon, P.Q., 1843, he was ed. at the Huntingdon Acad. and at McGill Univ. (B.A., 1863; M.A., 1867). He likewise followed the law course at McGill Univ. (B.C.L., 1863; D.C.L., 1875), and was called to the bar, 1864. He practised in Montreal, where he was for some yrs. in partnership with the late Mr. Justice Cross, and became one of the Crown prosecutors for the Dist. Created a Q. C. by the Quebec Govt., 1876, he received a similar honour from the Marquis of Lorne, 1880. He was the first Presdt. of the Junior Con. Club, Montreal, and also Presdt. of the McGill Univ. Lit. Soc., and subsequently wrote a book on "The Banking Laws of Canada." He unsuccessfully contested Montreal Centre for the Quebec Assembly g. e. 1881, and Huntingdon, for the Ho. of Commons, g. e. 1882. His Lordship when a young man was an enthusiastic volunteer. He entered the Victoria Rifles, Montreal, on their formation, at the time of the Trent affair, 1862, and passing through the various grades was apptd. Lt.-Col. commanding the Batt., Apl. 7, 1887. In June of the same year he was raised to the bench, as a Puisne Judge of the S. C., P.Q. Since then he has served on two Royal Comns., 1st in 1891, in the Mercier case; and 2nd in 1894, to revise and amend the Code of Civil Procedure. In religion, he is a Presb. He m. 1867, Alice, 2nd dau. of the late Wm. Mattice, ex-M.P., Cornwall, Ont. His s., Peers Davidson, M.A., B.C.L., is a mem. of the Montreal bar, and m. June, 1897,