

bush farming, but not being inclined to a backwoods life, he studied with a view to become a civil engineer, but relinquished that aim, and adopted the profession of law, under the tutelage of Hon. Walter Macrae, in Chatham, commencing his studies in 1852. He was called to the bar in 1859, since which time he has been practising constantly in the above-named town, and has been engaged in a large number of important suits. His business had so largely increased that, in 1880, he took in Mr. D. M. Christie as a partner. He was appointed a Q. C. in 1885. Though a consistent Liberal-Conservative, his time has been too much occupied to leave much scope for engaging in the political arena. He stood for parliament in 1872, but was defeated by David Mills. He has seen Chatham emerge from a small place of 2,500 inhabitants, in 1852, to one of the dimensions, and with the appliances, of a city.

Vanasse, Fabien Vertefeulle, M. P. for Yamaska, Montreal, was born at River David, in the parish of St. David, in the County of Yamaska, Province of Quebec, on the 6th of November, 1848. His father was Francois-Xavier Vanasse-Vertefeulle, and his mother Angélique Dupuis. His father was the pioneer of the parish of St. David, where he established himself in 1825. M. Vanasse-Vertefeulle is of French descent, his paternal and maternal ancestors having come from France in 1650, and taken up land in the vicinity of the *bourgade* of Three Rivers, now the flourishing City of Three Rivers. M. Vanasse attended at first the parish school of St. David, and in his thirteenth year was sent to Nicolet college, where he completed his education in literature and science. At the completion of his studies he was admitted to the study of law, after a severe examination before the Montreal bar, on the 11th of January, 1871. He had the advantage of having made his *cours de droit* under the direction of M. (now Hon. Justice) Jetté, one of the most learned advocates at the Montreal bar. M. Vanasse was admitted, with distinction, to the Montreal bar on the 12th of January, 1875. On the 1st of May, 1875, he entered into a legal partnership as junior partner with Trudel & Taillon, of Montreal, and practised with that important firm for a period of four years. In 1879 he retired from the firm to enter the political sphere: and at the appointment of Honourable Justice Gill, in 1879, the Conservatives of the county of Yamaska offered him the nomination for the constituency, and he was elected

on the 7th of July, 1879, by a majority of over 200 over his opponent, M. Felix Gouin, a trader of Pierreville, in the same county. At the general election, 1882, M. Vanasse was re-elected over his opponent, M. V. Gladu, of St. Francois-du-Sac, by more than 100 majority, in spite of the efforts and violence of his opponents. During the summer of 1884 M. Vanasse organized, in Montreal, *La Compagnie d'imprimerie et de publication du Canada*, with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars. He was elected and is still the president of that company. Soon after its organization the company acquired the property of the newspaper *Le Monde* for the price of \$28,000, and M. Vanasse was chosen as the chief editor of that valuable and influential conservative journal. M. Vanasse married, on the 17th of January, 1877, Claire Elmire, daughter of Alexander Deseve, advocate, of Montreal, and of Marguerite Lenoir-Rolland. Madame Vanasse is the sister of the distinguished French-Canadian violiniste now residing in the city of Boston. Three children were born to this union—Marie Claire, the eldest, on the 19th December, 1878, and who died the same day; Marie-Joseph-Francois-Xavier Fabien, who was born on the 10th of May, 1881; and Marie-Madeleine-Marguerite-Angélique-Alexandrina-Claire, who was born on the 31st of December, 1883. M. Vanasse is a national Conservative, and he favours the national policy, the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway on Canadian soil from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

Gildersleeve, Charles F., ex-Mayor, Kingston, was born in Kingston, on the 17th of October, 1833, his parents being Henry and Sarah (Finkle) Gildersleeve. His father had come from Portland, Connecticut, in 1816, settling in Kingston; and was a shipbuilder, an owner of steamboats, and a very active and successful man of business. The maternal grandfather of Charles F. Gildersleeve was a United Empire loyalist. C. F. Gildersleeve was educated at Upper Canada College, Toronto, and studied law, first at Kingston, and afterwards at Toronto. In 1859 he was called to the bar, and he practised his profession for five years at Kingston. In 1864 he entered the steamboat business on Lake Ontario, and was the owner of the *Norseman*, which ran between Rochester and Port Hope, and of the *Hastings*, which plied between Kingston and Belleville. He has been president of the Kingston and Pembroke Railway Company,