

in 1872-73. Was leader of the Opposition in the Leg. Assem. until called on to form a Govt., Sept. 1876, which he did successfully, assuming the position of Premier and Attorney Genl. His Administration resigned on 7th March, 1879. Sat in Leg. Assem., P.E.I., from November 1872 until g.e. 1879, when he was defeated. First returned to Commons at last g.e. A Liberal.—*Water Street, Charlottetown, P.E.I.*

DAWSON, SIMON JAMES, C. E. (*Algoma*.)

Connected on both father's and mother's side with old historic Scotch families; maternal grandfather for a long period heir presumptive to the honours of the ancient house of Glengarry. B. in Scot. Ed. there. Came to Canada when young. Unmarried. A Civil Engineer. Apptd., 1851, to plan and superintend the construction of extensive works then contemplated on the St. Maurice, to open up the vast pine regions of that river and its tributaries, which had been previously almost inaccessible to the lumber trade, which works he carried out successfully. Apptd., 1857, to explore the country from Lake Superior to the Saskatchewan, and report upon its adaptability for settlement, and the practicability of opening up communications therewith. Resigned the office after completing his reports, and carried on business for some years as a timber merchant on the St. Maurice. In 1868, called upon to commence the construction of the route to Red River, now known as the "Dawson Route;" and, in 1870, although but comparatively little had been done, owing to the limited means appropriated therefor, put through the Red River expeditionary force under Col. Sir Garnet (now Gen. Lord) Wolseley, when all other means of reaching the country to subdue the insurrection had proved unavailing. Was joint Commr., with the Lt. Gov. of Manitoba and the Indian Commr. of the North-West, in concluding a treaty with the Saulteux tribe of the Ojibbeway Indians, 1873. Resigned charge of the Dawson Route on becoming a candidate for Algoma, for which he was returned at g.e. for Ont. 1875. Resigned his seat in the Local Leg., and was returned for the Commons at g.e. 1878. Re-elected at last g.e. Independent in politics. Has stated in the Legislature that, in his opinion, it would be to the advantage of the Dominion that the great central region known as Algoma, extending from the 81st to 95th meridian, that is, from French River to the Lake of the Woods, should be formed into a separate Province.—*Prince Arthur's Landing; Queen's Hotel, Toronto; Toronto Club; Russell House, Ottawa.*