

gestions in regard to its divisions, sub-divisions, etc., and it was highly approved by parties interested in such matters, being adopted by the United States and now in use there.

He is visiting physician to the Finlay asylum and the Women's Christian Association, of Quebec, and has always been liberal in his gratuitous attendance on the poor.

Dr. Marsden married in 1830, Miss Esther Maria Whale, a native of Philadelphia, and she is still living. They have no issue.

HON. SIR HECTOR L. LANGEVIN, C.B., Q.C. K.C.M.G.,
QUEBEC.

SIR HECTOR LOUIS LANGEVIN, minister of public works, and one of the leading men in the Province of Quebec, was born in the city of Quebec, on the 25th of August, 1826; was educated at the seminary in his native city; studied law, was called to the bar in 1850, and was created a Queen's Counsel in 1864.

Sir H. L. Langevin was a member of the city council of Quebec for several years, and was chairman of the water-works committee; a little later he was secretary-treasurer, and afterwards vice-president, of the North Shore railway company; was mayor of Quebec for three consecutive years, commencing with January, 1858; was president of St. Jean Baptiste Society, Quebec, in 1861 and 1862, and of the Institut Canadien, of the same city, in 1863 and 1864.

Sir H. L. Langevin represented the county of Dorchester in the Canadian Assembly from 1857 until the Confederation, and was a member of the executive council of that body from March 30, 1864, until the British North America Act went into force in the summer of 1867. He took a prominent part in the preliminary steps towards Confederation, being a delegate to the Charlottetown union conference in 1864, to that held at Quebec in the same year, and to the London colonial conference of 1866-'67, to complete the terms of the union.

While a member of the executive council of Canada, Sir H. L. Langevin occupied more than one highly trustworthy position, holding the office of solicitor-general from the 30th of March, 1864, to November, 1866, and that of postmaster-general from the latter date to the Confederation. And then we find him in two legislative bodies—the Provincial Assembly and the House of Commons, representing Dorchester in both from 1867 to 1871, and in the Commons until 1874, when he retired. From 1871 to 1874 he represented Quebec centre in the Local House, being returned by acclamation.

Sir H. L. Langevin was sworn of the Privy Council on the 1st July, 1867, when he was appointed secretary of state for Canada, retaining that office until transferred to the public works department, on the 8th of December, 1869. From the *Parliamentary Companion*, we learn that Sir H. L. Langevin was commissioned to assist the Speaker in the management of the in-