

General, L.C., from 30 March 1864, to Nov. 1865; and Postmaster General from latter period until the Union. Was sworn of the Privy Council, 1 July 1867, when appointed Secretary of State of Canada, in which office he remained until transferred to the Public Works Department, 8 Dec. 1869. Was, while at the State Department, *ex officio* Registrar General of Canada, and Supdt. Genl. of Indian Affairs. Was a Commr. to assist Mr. Speaker in the management of the interior economy of the House of Commons; also, Chairman of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council. Created a Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath (Civil) by Her Majesty, 1868; Knight Commander of the Roman Order of Pope St. Gregory the Great, 1870; Knight Commander of the most distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, 24 May 1881. Was a delegate to the Charlottetown Union Conference, 1864; to that in Quebec in same year; and to the London Colonial Conference, 1866-67, to complete terms of Union of B.N.A. Provinces. In 1871, at the desire of the Privy Council, visited British Columbia with a view of acquiring a knowledge of that new Province in relation to the Pacific Railway and its western terminus, and also of studying the requirements of the Province, and ascertaining personally what public works were necessary for it. On his return he published a report containing much information about British Columbia, and making known its present position and immense wealth and resources (Ottawa, 1872). Acted as leader of the L.C. Conservatives in the session of 1873, during the absence in England of Sir George Cartier, and was elected by the Conservative members, after Sir George Cartier's funeral in Montreal, June 1873, as the Conservative leader in the Province of Quebec. Sat for the Co. of Dorchester in the Can. Assem. from g.e. 1857 until the Union. Returned to Commons by same constituency from the Union until 1874, when he retired. He had ceased to be a Cabinet Minister, with his colleagues, in Nov. 1873. He also represented Dorchester in Local House from g.e. 1867 to g.e. 1871, when returned for Quebec Centre by acclamation; retired Jan. 1874. Elected for Charlevoix, Jan. 1876; again returned for same constituency, April 1877, after being unseated on petition. Contested Rimouski unsuccessfully at g.e. 1878. Sworn as Postmaster General, 19 Oct. 1878. Apptd. Minister of Public Works, 20 May 1879. Elected by acclamation for the City of Three Rivers, 17 Nov. 1878, on resignation of the sitting mem. Re-elected by acclamation at last g.e. Is a mem. of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council. On 5 April 1879 was chosen by the Governor General in Council to proceed to England and lay before the