

Union, Dec., 1871 ; re-elected, by acclamation, at g.e., 1872, and again returned at last g.e. A Liberal ; and " considers that in any case the first duty of every British Columbia member should be to ignore parties and prejudices and give a fair trial to the new Administration, with a cordial support so long as they carry out the terms of Union in their integrity."—*Barkerville, B.C. ; Rideau Club.*

THOMSON, WILLIAM ALEXANDER. [*Welland.*]

B. in Wigtonshire, Scot., Nov., 1816. Came to Can., 1834. Has promoted the construction of the Erie and Niagara and of the Canada Southern Railways, and is local dir. of the latter, and Presdt. of the former. Author of an essay on the Philosophy of Political Economy (Buffalo, 1863), which foreshadows the creation of a currency of a national character, that would make credit the exception instead of the rule, in all Government and individual transactions, the soundness of which doctrine he still maintains. An unsuccessful candidate for Niagara at g.e., 1867. First returned to Parlt., for present seat, 19 Nov., 1872, on the death of the sitting mem. ; re-elected at last g.e. A Liberal.—"*Glencairn,*" near *Queenston, Ont. ; Rideau Club,*