

to the maintenance of British connection in the strongest possible manner; but is thoroughly independent of party.—*Carleton, Baie des Chaleurs, P. Q.*

BÉCHARD, Major FRANÇOIS. (*Iberville.*)

S. of the late M. Fran. Béchard, of Mount Johnson, P. Q., by Clémence Gozette. B. in Quebec. Ed. at St. Hyacinthe College. Resided for some years in Illinois, where he m. Mary Eliza, dau. of William Townsend, Esq., of Chicago. Is Major in Iberville Reserve Militia. Has been Mayor of St. Gregoire. First returned to Parl. for present seat at g. e. 1867; re-elected by acclamation at g. e. 1872, and again at g. e. 1874; re-elected at last g. e. Opposed to the present Government.—*Mount Johnson, P. Q.*

BENOIT, PIERRE BASILE, J. P. (*Chambly.*)

A mem. of a long established family in Quebec. S. of the late Laurent Benoit, Esq. B. in 1837 at Longueuil, Que. Ed. at St. Hyacinthe College. M. Dlle. Josephine Sicotte, of Boucherville. A mem. of the Agricultural Council of Quebec. Has been Presdt. of the Chambly Agricultural Society for several years, and an active promoter of local agricultural and industrial exhibitions. As a farmer, has carried off the first prizes in the ploughing matches in the Co. Chambly, and won first prize for the best farm. Contributes largely to the press on agricultural and public matters. An unsuccessful candidate for Chambly in Local Assembly at g. e. 1871, and for same seat in Commons in Jan. and Dec. 1874. Sat for Chambly in present Chamber from g. e. 1867 until g. e. 1874, when defeated. Again returned, 7 Jan. 1876, on sitting mem. being unseated and disqualified; re-elected at last g. e. A Conservative.—*St. Hubert, P. Q.*

BERGERON, JOSEPH GIDEON HORACE, B. C. L. (*Beauharnois.*)

S. of T. R. Bergeron, Esq., Notary Public, of Rigaud, by Leveadie Caroline Delphine Coursol, dau. of Gideon Coursol, Esq., Notary Public of St. Andrew's, uncle of C. J. Coursol, Esq., M. P. for Montreal East. B. 13 Oct. 1854. Ed. at Jesuits' College, Montreal. Unmarried. Is a member of the firm of Major & Bergeron, Advocates, Montreal. First returned to Parl., 9 Jan. 1879, in the room of M. Cayley, Esq., deceased. A Conservative,