

STAPLES, JOSEPH, *J.P.* [*North Victoria.*]

Of Irish parentage. B. in Cavan, Durham, Ont., 1826. Ed. there. M., 1852, Miss Montgomery (she d. Jan., 1873). A captain in the Militia. Has been Reeve of Bexley and Warden of Victoria, the latter position for six years. An unsuccessful candidate for North Victoria in Local Assembly at g.e., 1867. First returned to Parlt., for present seat, at last g.e. A Conservative, and a supporter of Sir John A. Macdonald.—*Oak Hill, Bexley, Ont.*

STEPHENSON, RUFUS. [*Kent, Ont.*]

Family originally came from Lancashire, Eng. One of his ancestors, Samuel Chapin, migrated to Am. as early as 1641. Youngest son of Eli Stephenson, Esq., formerly of St. Catharines, Ont.; and nephew of the late Col. E. W. Stephenson, of the same place. B. at Springfield, Mass., U.S., 14 Jan., 1835. Ed. at the Grantham Academy, St. Catharines. M., Oct., 1854, Georgina Emma, eld. dau. of Thos. Andrew, Esq., barrister, formerly of London, Eng., and grand-dau. of Joseph Sparkes, Esq., of the Co. Kent, Eng., once a dir. of the East India Co. Is editor and proprietor of the *Chatham Planet* newspaper. Has been a mem. of the Town Council of Chatham for some years, and was

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