

Academy. Came to Can. 1835. M. June, 1844, Elizabeth Sarah, eldest daughter of William Molson, Esq., of Montreal, and grand-dau. of Hon. John Molson, in his lifetime a member of the Ex-Council of L. C. and Presdt. of the Bank of Montreal. Is a mem. of the firm of Gzowski & Co., contractors, who have constructed several branches of Canadian Railways and other important works; a mem. of the Corporation of Hellmuth College, London, Ont.; a director of Molson's Bank; of the Western Can. Permanent Loan and Savings Co., and of the Guarantee Co. of North America. Was Presdt. of the Inter-Oceanic Railway Co., incorporated for the purpose of constructing a railway across the continent of British Columbia, 1872. Was Arbitrator for the Province of Ontario under the B. N. A. Act, "for the division and adjustment of the debts, credits, liabilities and properties of U. C. and L. C.," 1868. Has been Vice-Presdt. of the Montreal Board of Trade, and Presdt. of the St. Andrew's Soc. of Toronto. Author of a pamphlet on Banking and Currency (Toronto, 1869), and also of several pamphlets, between 1877 and 1882, dealing with the public expenditure, etc. Created a K.C.M.G. 29 July, 1884. Represented Saugeen Division in L. C. Can., from Oct., 1864, until the Union. Called to the Senate by Royal Proclamation, May, 1867. Apptd. Speaker of the Senate and a member of the Cabinet, without portfolio, 11 Feb., 1880, and continued as such until 17 Oct., 1883, when he resigned the Speakership and was apptd. Minister of the Interior. Resigned 5 Aug., 1885. A Conservative.—*Chestnut Park, Toronto; Toronto Club; Rideau Club; St. James Club.*

MERNER, Hon. SAMUEL

S. of Jacob Merner, farmer, in Reichenbock, Canton of Berne, Switzerland. B. there, 29 Jan., 1823. Ed. there. Came to Canada with his parents in 1837. M. in Preston, Ont., Nov., 1845. Mary Ann, dau. of Joseph Grasser, of Wilmot, Ont. Was in business some years as an iron founder and furniture manufacturer. Has for many years been instrumental in settling in the Province all the Swiss people immigrating to Can. Was Warden of the Co. of Waterloo in 1873, and has been Reeve of New Hamburg for several years. Was an unsuccessful candidate for South Waterloo in the Leg. Assem., Ont., at the bye-election in 1877. Sat in the Commons for same seat from g. e. 1878 to g. e. 1882, when he was defeated. Called to the Senate 12 Jan., 1887. A Conservative.—*New Hamburg.*