

seat he held from that date until the Confederation of B.N.A. Provinces, in 1867, when he was elected to the Commons by acclamation, and continued to hold the seat until 1872, when he retired for a short time from political life. Held the position of Warden of Penitentiaries of the Prov. of Quebec for three years. At g.e. for P.Q., 1867, waived his claim for a seat in the Local House in favour of the then Atty. Gen of that Prov., Hon. Mr. Ouimet. Re-elected to the House of Commons, 11 March 1876, by acclamation on the resignation of Mr. Globensky, the sitting member. Again re-elected at last g.e. A Conservative.—*St. Eustache.*

DAWSON, SIMON JAMES, C.E. (*Algoma.*)

Connected on both father's and mother's side with old historic Scotch families; maternal grandfather for a long period heir presumptive to the honours of the ancient house of Glengarry. B. in Scot. Ed. there. Came to Canada when young. Unmarried. A Civil Engineer. Apptd., 1851, to plan and superintend the construction of extensive works then contemplated on the St. Maurice, to open up the vast pine regions of that river and its tributaries, which had been previously almost inaccessible to the lumber trade, which works he carried out successfully. Apptd., 1857, to explore the country from Lake Superior to the Saskatchewan, and report upon its adaptability for settlement, and the practicability of opening up communication therewith. Resigned the office after completing his reports, and carried on business for some years as a timber merchant on the St. Maurice. In 1868, called upon to commence the construction of the route to Red River, now known as the "Dawson Route;" and, in 1870, although but comparatively little had been done, owing to the limited means appropriated therefor, put through the Red River expeditionary force under Col. (now Lt. Gen. Sir) Garnet Wolseley, when all other means of reaching the country to subdue the insurrection had proved unavailing. Was joint commissioner, with the Lt. Gov. of Manitoba and the Indian Commr. of the North-West, in concluding a treaty with the Saulteux tribe of the Ojibbeway Indians, 1873. Resigned charge of the Dawson Route on becoming a candidate for the constituency of Algoma, for which he was returned at g.e. for Ont. 1875. Resigned his seat in the Local Legislature, and was returned for the Commons at last g.e. (1878), defeating his opponent, Col. Arthur Rankin, who came out in the Reform interest. Independent in politics. A strong advocate of the immediate construction of