

Government, so long as they fairly fulfil their pledges and show themselves fairly adequate to their great task; believes that the basis of the franchise should be widened, and that efficiency instead of influence should be the passport to the public service; thinks political progress essential to political vitality, and advocates the fullest freedom of discussion on all topics affecting the public interests; supports the adoption of a system of proportional representation, whereby, among other improvements, the strength of the various opinions held by the people may be more nearly represented in Parliament; considers that, as the franchise is not merely a right, but a trust, the wilful neglect to vote should be followed by temporary disfranchisement; is opposed to the appointment of Senators for life by the administration, and desires their selection for a term of years by the Provinces; thinking that the future of Canada depends very largely on the development of the great North-West; advocates the construction, as rapidly as the resources of the country will permit, of the sections of the Pacific Railway necessary for communication between that country and our interior seaboard, in conjunction with an extensive scheme of exploration and colonization; believes that the cultivation of a national spirit is requisite to the success of the Union; that the present form of connection between England and Canada does not possess the element of permanence; that as the child grows into the man, so the State will come to maturity, and that (notwithstanding the enormous difficulties which surround the scheme,) there is a possibility and hope of reorganizing the Empire on a Federal basis, so as to reconcile British connection with British freedom."—*Corner of Metcalfe and Maria Streets, Ottawa; 84 Grosvenor Street, Toronto; National Club; Toronto Club; Rideau Club.*

BLANCHET, *Lieut.-Col. JOSEPH GODERIC, M.D. (Bellechasse). 2ND MEM.*

Family one of the first established in *La Nouvelle, France*. S. of M. Louis Blanchet, of St. Pierre, Rivière du Sud. Born at St. Pierre, 7 June, 1829. Ed. at the Quebec Seminary, and at the St. Anne College. M., Aug., 1850, Emelie, dau. of M.G.D. Balzaretto, of Milan, Italy. A physician. Is Lieut.-Col. of the 17th Batt. Volunteer Infantry, which he raised in 1863, and has since commanded. Elected Hon. Presdt. of the *Cercle de Quebec*, 1871; Presdt. of the Lévis and Kennebec Railway, 1872; and appdt. a mem. of the Catholic section of the Council of Public Instruction

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