BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

ABERDEEN, Countess of, Isabel Maria, second daughter of first Lord Tweedmouth, President of National Council of Women of Canada, and actively interested in movements for benefit of Irish peasantry. 8.

ABERDEEN, John Campbell Hamilton Gordon, seventh Earl of, and grandson of former Premier of England. Born in 1847. Educated St. Andrew's and Oxford. Succeeded to title on death of brother, in 1876. Entered Peers Conservative, but disagreed on some principal measures of the party. Appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire in 1880; High Commissioner to General Assembly of Church of Scotland, 1881 to 1886; Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland under Gladstone, 1886; Governor-General of Canada, May, 1893. 2.

ALLAN, Hon. G. W., F.R.G.S., F.Z.S., Chancellor of Trinity University. Born in Toronto, 1822. Called to Bar in 1846. Travelled extensively in Europe, Asia Minor and Egypt. In 1858, elected for York Division of Legislative Council of Old Canada, which position he filled till called to Senate in 1867. Speaker of Senate, 1888 to 1891. 25.

ABBOT, Hon. Sir John Joseph Caldwell, D.C.L., Q.C. Born in Argenteuil, Quebec, 1821. Educated at McGill, and called to Bar 1847. Elected for Argenteuil to Canadian Assembly in 1857, but not seated till 1859. Solicitor-General in 1862 and 1863. Returned to the Commons in 1867, 1872, and 1874. Defeated in 1878, but returned in 1880 and 1882. Elevated to and elected Government Leader in Senate, in 1887. Premier, June, 1891, to Nov., 1892. Died October 30th, 1893. 5.

BLAIR, Hon. A. G., born in New Brunswick, 1844. Called to Bar 1866. Elected from York County to House of Assembly in 1878 and 1882. Formed Administration, and re-elected Premier and Attorney-General in 1883, and so continued till appointed Minister of Railways and Canals on July 13th, when he was returned to the Commons for Queen's and Sunbury, N.B., August 25th, 1896. 30.

BLAKE, Hon. Edward, M.A., LL.D., Q.C., Born in Middlesex, Ont., 1833. Educated at Toronto University. Called to the Bar in 1856;

Bencher of the Law Society in 1871, and Treasurer of the same in 1879. Chancellor of Toronto University from 1873 to the present time. Returned for South Bruce to the Ontario Legislative Assembly, and to the Commons for West Durham in 1867. Leader of Opposition in Legislative Assembly from 1868 to 1871, when he became Premier. Resigned Premiership and Seat in Legislative Assembly, and was re-elected to Commons in 1872. Sworn Privy Councillor in 1873, and was a member of the Mackenzie Administration till 1874, when he resigned from the Cabinet. Re-elected to Commons for South Bruce in 1874. Appointed Minister of Justice in 1875, which he exchanged for President of the Council in 1877; resigned 1878. Defeated in South Bruce in the same year. Elected for West Durham in 1879, 1882, and 1887; retired in 1891. Leader of Opposition from 1880 to 1887. Accepted nomination, and was elected to Imperial Parliament for South Longford, Ireland, at the General Elections in 1892, and again in 1895. 24.

BOWELL, Hon. Sir Mackenzie, K.C.M.G. Born in England in 1823. Came to Canada in 1833. For many years proprietor and editor of the Belleville *Intelligencer*. From 1862 to 1870 was Grand Master of Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East. From 1870 to 1878 was Most Worshipful Grand Master and Sovereign of the Orange Association of British America. In 1876 was President of the Triennial Council of Orangeism of the World. Elected to the Commons for North Hastings in 1867, and held seat till appointed to the Senate in 1893. Minister of Customs from 1874 to 1894. Premier from December, 1894, to April, 1896. Chosen Conservative Leader in the Senate in August, 1896. 5.

CARTWRIGHT, Hon. Richard John, K.C.M.G. Born in Kingston, 1835. Educated at Trinity College, Dublin. Studied law for a time, but went into banking, and became President of the late Commercial Bank of Canada. Sat, as a Conservative, for Lennox and Addington in Canadian Assembly from 1863 to 1867, when he was returned to the Commons, but withdrew from support of the Macdonald Administration in 1870. Re-elect-