

HOLDEN JAMES, Managing Director of the Whitby, Port Perry and Lindsay Railway. B. at Stouffville, Ont., 29th Feb., 1829; d. at Dominion City, Man., 24th Oct., 1881. Published *North Ontario Observer* (Prince Albert, Ont.), 1857-64, when he removed to Whitby, and became connected with the railway of which he was, at his death, the ruling spirit. He was largely instrumental in securing the extension of the line from Port Perry to Lindsay, and in making a running arrangement with the Midland, which gives all places from Whitby to Toronto a short alternative railway connection with the Muskoka district. As the representative of his own road, he was chosen one of the Provisional directors of the Ontario Sault line, of which he was an active and enthusiastic promoter. Whitby was also indebted to him for the establishment of the Ontario Ladies' College. In politics he was a Liberal, and in 1872 unsuccessfully contested South Ontario for the Commons with Hon. T. N. Gibb.—*Toronto Globe*.

HOLTON, HON. LUTHER HAMILTON, M.P., a Canadian statesman. B. in South Leeds, Ont., Oct., 1817; d. suddenly, in Ottawa, Ont., 14th March, 1880. Early in life went to Montreal, where he lived with his uncle, a Mr. Gilbert, and attended Dr. Workman's school, on leaving which he entered the office of his uncle, who was a lumber merchant. About 1836 he joined the establishment of Henderson & Hooker, forwarders, of which he soon became manager, and ultimately a partner, the firm subsequently being known as Hooker & Holton. In 1839 he married Eliza, dau. of Mr. Wm. Forbes of Montreal. When the Grand Trunk Railway was under construction, in 1852 or 3, he joined Mr. (now Sir) A. T. Galt, Mr. (now Hon.) D. L. Macpherson and Mr. C. S. (now Col.) Gzowski, C.E., in contracting for the building of the Toronto and Sarnia branch, a work which was awarded to them, which they satisfactorily carried out, and from which

it has been stated each one of the partners derived a handsome competence. We have not heard that Mr. Holton subsequent to this devoted himself to any regular business or avocation. He seemed to live the life of a private gentleman, and to devote himself to public affairs. He became a member of the City Council, a Harbour Commr., a director of the City Bank, Presdt. of the Board of Trade, to which offices he was elected repeatedly; and Presdt. of the Montreal City and Dist. Savings Bank, a position he continued to hold for many years. He was also, from Nov., 1852, to July, 1853, a Govt. director of the Grand Trunk Railway. He entered Parliament, as an advanced Liberal, at the general election of 1854, when he was returned as one of the members for Montreal to the Can. Assembly, and where he continued to sit until the general election of 1857, when he suffered defeat; in the following year he held the office of Commr. of Public Works in the two days Govt. of Hon. Geo. Brown, when, had Sir E. W. Head consented to a dissolution, no doubt Mr. Holton would have appealed to his old constituency; as it was, he remained out of Parliamentary life until Sept., 1862, when he was returned, by acclamation, to represent Victoia division in the Leg. Council (then elective). Here he remained until Sept., 1863, when, being called to the Govt. of Messrs. S. Macdonald and Dorian, as Minister of Finance, he resigned his seat in the Leg. Council, ran for Chateauguay in the Assembly, and was returned. He retained this seat until the close of the old Parliament of Canada, was returned for it to the Commons under the new order of things in 1867, and continued to represent it until his death, which occurred suddenly, while he was in Ottawa attending to his Parliamentary duties. The event caused a painful shock and created a profound sensation, which is referred to elsewhere in this REGISTER (see p. 108). Parliament, departing from its accus-

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