

to the daily press and periodicals, and is author of several pamphlets. Was sent to British Columbia in 1874, by the Dominion Govt., to arrange terms for the postponement of the construction of the C. P. Railway. First returned to Parlt. at g. e., 1872, for the County of Monck, and sat until g. e., 1874. Unsuccessfully contested Centre Toronto at g. e., 1872. Elected by acclamation for present seat, 22 Aug., 1884, upon the resignation of the sitting mem. Re-elected at g. e., 1887, 1891 and 1896. Was unanimously elected Speaker of the House of Commons, 19 Aug., 1896. A Liberal.—*Toronto*; *The Pines, Lake Simcoe*; *Toronto Club*; *Rideau Club*.

EDWARDS. WILLIAM CAMERON (*Russell*).

S. of the late Wm. Edwards, a native of Portsmouth, Eng., who came to Can. about 1820, and of Martha Ann Cameron, his wife, a native of Fort William, Scot. B. in the Tp. of Clarence, Ont., 1844, and ed. at the Ottawa Grammar School. M., Jan., 1885, eld. dau. of William Wilson, Esq., of Cumberland. Is a lumber manufacturer. An unsuccessful candidate for present seat at g. e., 1882. First returned to Parlt. at g. e., 1887. The election being declared void, a new election was held 7 May, 1888, when he was re-elected. Re-elected at g. e., 1891 and 1896. A Liberal.—*Rockland, Ont.*; *Rideau Club*.

ELLIS, JOHN VALENTINE (*St. John City*).

Of Irish descent. S. of Michael and Margaret Ellis. B. at Halifax, N.S., 1835; moved to Montreal in 1854, to St. John, N.B., in 1857. M., 1864, at Fredericton, N. B., Mary Caroline, eldest dau. of the late Samuel Babbitt, Esq. Is Editor of the *St. John Daily Globe*. Was Postmaster of St. John for a short period. Sat in the House of Assem., N.B., from g. e., 1882, until Jan., 1887, when he resigned, and was elected for present seat in the Commons at g. e., 1887. An unsuccessful candidate at g. e., 1891; re-elected at g. e., 1896. Mr. Ellis is well known throughout Canada because of circumstances which arose in the Queen's (N.B.) election in 1887. Mr. G. G. King had a majority of the votes. Mr. John R. Dunn, the returning officer, gave the seat to the other candidate, George A. Baird, on the ground that King was not regularly nominated, through some