

Solicitor-Genl. for U.C. for a short time, in the Lafontaine-Baldwin Administration, and subsequently Chancellor of that Province, by Catharine Hume, grandaun. of William Hume of Humewood, Esq., M.P. for Wicklow, in the British House of Commons; and grands. of the late Rev. Dominick Edward Blake, (of the family of Blake of Castlegrove, Galway,) Rector of Kiltegan and of of Loughbrickland, and Rural Dean, by Anne Margaret Hume of Humewood. B. in Tp. of Adelaide, Middlesex, Ont., 13 Oct., 1833. Ed. at University of Toronto, where he took first-class honors in classics, and received the degree of M. A., 1858. M. Margaret, dau. of the late Right Rev. B. Cronyn, Lord Bishop of Huron. Called to the Bar, U. C., in Michaelmas Term, 1856; created Q.C. 1864. Elected a Bencher of the Law Society of Ontario, 1871. Senior partner in the extensive law firm of Blake, Kerr & Boyd, Toronto. Was for a short time one of the examiners in, and lecturers on, Equity Law, for the U. C. Law Society. Returned for South Bruce in Ontario Assembly at g. e., 1867, and was leader of the Opposition in that body from 1868 until 20 Dec., 1871, when called upon to form a Govt. for Ontario, which he succeeded in doing, accepting for himself the position of Presdt. of the Ex. Council in the same (without salary); resigned the Premiership of Ont. and seat in Local House, 25 Oct., 1874. Elected Chancellor of Toronto University, 1876. Returned for South Bruce and for West Durham in Local Assembly at g. e., 1871 (elected to sit for former place.) First returned to House of Commons for West Durham at g. e., 1867; re-elected by acclamation, and also returned for South Bruce, at g. e., 1872 (elected to sit for last named seat), for which he was again returned at last g. e.; re-elected by acclamation on his apptd. to office, 2 June, 1875. Sworn of the Privy Council, 7 Nov., 1873, and was a mem. of Mr. Mackenzie's Administration (without office and without salary) from that date until February, 1874, when he resigned. Declined the Chancellorship of Ontario, Dec., 1869; and the Chief Justiceship of the Supreme Court of the Dominion, May, 1875. Apptd. Minister of Justice, 19 May, 1875. (Salary, \$7,000.) Resigned September, 1877, and exchanged to the portfolio of President of Council. Resigned Presidency of Council January 31, 1878, in consequence of continued ill health. Is *ex-officio* a Commissioner for the management of the Interior Economy of the House of Commons. Visited England on public business, 1876. The following statement of Mr. Blake's political views is summarized from his speeches as a private member: "An Independent-Liberal prepared to give a general support to the