

finances, etc.; for two years, 1861 and 1862, Presdt. of St. Jean Baptiste Society (Quebec); and in 1863 and 1864 Presdt. of the Institut Canadien, same city. Author of *Le Canada, ses Institutions, etc.*, a prize essay (Quebec, 1855), and of *Droit Administratif, ou Manuel des Paroisses et Fabriques* (Quebec, 1862), a second edition, revised, corrected and enlarged, being published by him in 1878. Was a mem. of the Ex. Council, Can., from 30 March 1864 until the Union; and held the offices of Solicitor General, L.C., from 30 March 1864, to Nov. 1865; and Postmaster General from latter period until the Union. Was sworn of the Privy Council, 1 July 1867, when appointed Secretary of State of Canada, in which office he remained until transferred to the Public Works Department, 8 Dec. 1869. Was, while at the State Department, *ex officio* Registrar General of Canada, and Supdt. Genl. of Indian Affairs. Was a Commr. to assist Mr. Speaker in the management of the interior economy of the House of Commons; also, Chairman of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council. Created a Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath (Civil) by Her Majesty, 1868; Knight Commander of the Roman Order of Pope St. Gregory the Great, 1870; Knight Commander of the most distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, 1881. Was a delegate to the Charlotte-town Union Conference, 1864; to that in Quebec in same year; and to the London Colonial Conference, 1866-67, to complete terms of Union of B. N. A. Provinces. In 1871, at the desire of the Privy Council, visited British Columbia with a view of acquiring a knowledge of that new Province in relation to the Pacific Railway and its western terminus, and also of studying the requirements of the Province, and ascertaining personally what public works were necessary for it. On his return he published a report containing much information about British Columbia, and making known its present position and immense wealth and resources (Ottawa, 1872). Acted as leader of the L.C. Conservatives in the session of 1873, during the absence in England of Sir George Cartier, and was elected by the Conservative members, after Sir George Cartier's funeral in Montreal, June 1873, as the Conservative leader in the Province of Quebec. Sat for the Co. of Dorchester in the Can. Assembly from g.e. 1857 until the Union. Returned to Commons by same constituency from the Union until 1874, when he retired. He had ceased to be a Cabinet Minister, with his colleagues, in Nov. 1873. He also represented Dorchester in Local House from g.e. 1867 to g.e. 1871, when returned for Quebec Centre by acclamation; retired Jan. 1872. Elected for Charlevoix, Jan. 1876; again returned for