

Ed. at the Seminary of Quebec. M. Miss N. Laliberté, at St. Croix, in the winter of 1873. First returned to Parlt. at last g.e. A Liberal.—*St. Croix, Co. Lotbiniere, P.Q.*

ROBERT ON, THOMAS, Q.C. (*Hamilton.*)

B. 25 Jan. 1827, at the Village of Ancaster, then the most important business centre west of York. His father, the late Alexander Robertson, Esq., of Goderich, a remote descendant of the Robertsons of Struan, Chiefs of the Clan Donnachie, came to this country in 1820, from Foxbar, in Renfrewshire, which had been the home of his family for several generations, since the time when, the misfortunes of Prince Charles having proved the ruin of so many of his adherents, not a few of the Robertsons had left their beloved Rannoch to seek for better fortunes in the, to them, unwontedly peaceful pursuits of the lowlands. /M., 1824, Matilda, eldest dau. of Col. Titus Geir Simons, High Sheriff of the old Gore District, who had served in command of his regiment in the war of 1812-13, and fought at Lundy's Lane, where he was dangerously wounded. Of this marriage Mr. Robertson is the eldest child. He was ed. at the London and Huron District Grammar Schools and the Univ. of Toronto; studied law under the late Hon. John Hillyard Cameron; became an Attorney in 1849; was called to the Bar in 1852; became a Q.C. under Patent from the Earl of Dufferin, Governor General, in 1873, and a Benchler of the Law Society of Ont. in 1874. M. in June 1850, Frances Louisa, youngest dau. of the late Theodore Reed, Esq., one of the earliest pioneers of the "Huron Tract," by whom he has three sons and one daughter living. He began his professional career at Dundas, whence he subsequently removed to Hamilton, where he enjoys a large practice and a widely extended reputation as a leading *nisi prius* advocate. He was the first Crown Attorney for Wentworth, and he remained such until 1863, when he was superseded by the appointment by Mr. Sandfield Macdonald of the late Mr. S. B. Freeman, Q.C., to the Clerkship of the Peace, whereby he became also *ex officio* Crown Attorney. At the first g.e. after Confederation, Mr. Robertson contested South Wentworth with Mr. Rymal, the then and now sitting mem. for that constituency, at whose hands he suffered defeat by a majority of 27 votes. Mr. Robertson and his colleague, Mr. F. E. Kilvert, M.P., were elected at the g.e. of 1878, in opposition to Mr. Irving, Q.C., and Mr. Wood, the late mem., to the representation of the constituency for which they now sit. A Liberal