

BILL, *Hon. Caleb R. C.*

Sat for King's (Northern District) in Leg. Assembly, N. S., before the Union. Called to the Senate, May, 1867.—*Billtown, N. S.*

BLAIR, *Lieut. Col. Hon. Adam Johnston Fergusson, Q. C. L.*

Is lineally descended from Alexander de Blair, who lived in the reigns of William the Lion, and his son, Alexander II M. Ela, Dau. of Hugh de Nyden, of that ilk, and D. in 1230, leaving a son, Sir William de Blair, who was Steward of Fife, and was knighted by king Alexander II. He was succeeded by his son, Sir Alexander Blair, whose son and heir (by Helen, his wife, sister of Sir William Ramsay), John Blair, was father of David De Blair, who D. in the reign of King David, leaving two sons, Thomas the younger, ancestor of the Blairs of Ardblair; and the elder his heir, Patrick De Blair, the first designed of Balthayock. From this Patrick, who was living in 1370, derived the distinguished family of Blair of Balthayock, and its offshoots, the Blairs settled in France, the Blairs of Pittendreich, Glascune, Balmyle, &c. (*See Burke's Landed Gentry; Histoire Générale des Hommes Vivants, Geneva 1867.*) S. of the late Hon. Adam Fergusson, M. L. C. Can., of Woodhill, Perthshire, Scot. (a Deputy Lieutenant for that County), and of Woodhill, Ontario, by Jemima Johnston Blair, heiress of Balthayock, Perthshire. to which estate he succeeded in 1862, on the death