

JOSEPH ALDRIC OUMET

Joseph Aldric Ouimet was born at Ste-Rose, Laval county, on the 20th of May, 1847. He belongs to an old French family, the first, named Jean, establishing himself at Ste-Famille, Ile d'Orléans, in 1634.

The father of the subject of our sketch was Michel Ouimet ; his mother, Elizabeth Filiatrault Saint-Louis. By dint of strict economy, these worthy people were enabled to send their son to the College of Ste-Thérèse. There he showed his gratitude towards them by becoming first in his class, ending his scholastic course brilliantly, and, his natural bent being towards the law, he entered the office of Mr. Edmund Barnard. Not being wealthy, in order to meet the cost of his legal training, as well as his own personal expenses, he commenced to write in the columns of *Le Nouveau Monde* and *La Minerve*, continuing his journalistic labours until the moment of h's admission to the Bar in 1870. Quiet, well-informed, energetic, having a good knowledge of the world, his services were in speedy requisition on the part of some of his *confrères* who had already a good practice. Messrs. Bélanger and Desnoyers—who took him into partnership,—Judge Ouimet, Mr. Nantel, Minister of Public Works at Quebec, and Mr. Corneillier, were successively his partners, and he is now at the head of the firm of Ouimet, Emard and Maurault.

Mr. Ouimet's legal opinions are much sought after, and held in high estimation. His love for the profession he has chosen is profound. In the Courts he is listened to with marked attention.

On the 27th of October, 1873, Mr. Ouimet was elected member for Laval in the House of Commons by a majority of 437 votes. His opponent was Mr. L. O. David. The newly-elected member an-