

to inquire into the Chinese Immigration question. Was a delegate to Ottawa in 1884 to represent the requirements of the N. W. before the Dominion Govt. Is the author of "Irishmen in Can." An unsuccessful candidate for Haldimand in the Commons at g.e., 1878. First returned to Commons at last g.e. A Conservative, and favors a broad and generous policy for developing and peopling the North-West.—*Regina, N.W.T.; Albany Club, Toronto.*

DAVIS, DONALD WATSON. (*Alberta, N.W.T.*)

Father and mother natives of the State of Vermont, but of English and Scotch descent. B. in the town of Londonderry, State of Vermont, 1849, and ed. there. Settled in Macleod about 1870. M., 1887, Lillie, dau. of James Grier, Esq., J.P. Is a merchant and general stock dealer. First returned to Parlt. at last g.e. A Conservative.—*Macleod, Dist. of Alberta.*

DAWSON, SIMON JAMES, C.E. (*Algoma.*)

Connected on both father's and mother's side with old historic Scotch families; maternal grandfather, for a long period, heir presumptive to the estates and honors of the ancient house of Glengarry. B. in Scot. Came to Canada when young. Uamarried. A Civil Engineer. Apptd. by the Govt., 1851, to plan and superintend the construction of extensive works then contemplated on the St. Maurice, to open up the vast pine regions of that river and its tributaries, which works he carried out successfully. Apptd., 1857, to explore the country from Lake Superior westward to the Saskatchewan, and report upon its adaptability for settlement, and the practicability of opening up communication therewith. The reports of his explorations while in this service drew general attention to the N. W. Territories, at that time but little known, and did much to dispel the then prevalent idea that they were in great part sterile, and to a large extent within the regions of perpetual frost, as had been asserted by different writers, who, in the interests of the fur traders, wished to exclude settlement. Resigned the office after completing his reports, and resided for some years at Three Rivers, P.Q. In 1868, called upon by the Govt. to commence the construction of the route to Red River, now known as the "Dawson Route;" and, in 1870, although but comparatively little had been done, owing to the limited means appropriated therefor, under the instructions of the Government, provided boats and *voyageurs*