

FACULTY OF LAW.



Present to our readers as a frontispiece to this issue a photo-engraving of the members of the recently established Law Faculty of Ottawa University. Those gentlemen need no heralds; their names are synonyms for high legal learning, wide experience and upright character. We have, nevertheless, thought it advisable to insert the following brief notes on the public and private career of those whom the University Senate has chosen to form the new faculty.

SIR JOHN THOMPSON.

Sir John Thompson stands among the most prominent figures in the field of Canadian politics to-day. He is Attorney-General for the Dominion, Minister of Justice and leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

He was born November 18th, 1844, at Halifax. His father, John Sparrow Thompson, had him educated at the Halifax High Schools and the Free Church Academy. In the debating clubs of Halifax, he gave early promise of his skill in debate.

In 1865, in his 21st year, he was called to the Bar. Five years later, he married Miss Annie Affleck, daughter of Captain Affleck, of Halifax. A year later, he became a convert to the Roman Catholic Church. In the practice of his profession, he was eminently successful from the beginning and soon became the acknowledged leader of the Bar of his native city. In 1877 he was elected to the Provincial House of Assembly to represent Antigonish, and when the Liberal Government was overthrown in the general election of the following year, he received the portfolio of Attorney-General. He remained in the Assembly until 1882. In the same year he was appointed Judge

of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, a position which he filled with great honor. While on the Bench, he was a painstaking worker. During this time he delivered a course of lectures on "Evidence" in the law school at Dalhousie. In 1879 he had been made a Queen's Counsel. The Minister of Justice resigned from the Bench in September, 1885, and was immediately after appointed to his present position. The wisdom of Sir John Macdonald's choice, though questioned at the time, has since been realized. Sir John Thompson's career in Dominion politics is well-known. Under his direction a large amount of new legislation has been brought about and many wise and beneficial statutes have become law. In August, 1888, Her Majesty conferred on him the Cross of St. Michael and St. George in recognition for his services in the negotiation of the Bayard-Chamberlain Treaty of 1887.

As Minister of Justice he has been eminently successful, owing to his close knowledge of the law and its technicalities. He is the recognized power in the Government and more than once has he safely guided his party over an impending crisis.

JUSTICE FOURNIER.

Mr. Justice Fournier is the third Judge of the Supreme Court. He spent many years in political life and was at one time a leading member of the Quebec Bar. Judge Fournier was born in Montmagny

county, in 1823, and received his education at the College of Nicolet, was admitted to the bar in 1846, created a Queen's Counsel in 1863, and was elected President (batonnier) of the bar of the Province