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Hon. Jean Baptiste Rolland.

The late Hon. Jean Baptiste Rolland was an excellent illustration of a self-made man, and we are sure the trade will be pleased to see the portrait of one who was for so long a leader in the

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ROLLAND, HON. JEAN BAPTISTE, Montreal, was born at Vercheres, Quebec, on the 2nd January, 1815. His grandfather came from France over a century ago, and his father, Pierre Rolland, was born at Vercheres, so that it can be seen that the family come of an old and honored ancestry. His mother, Euphrasine Donais, of the parish of Contrecoeur, was also a member of an old French-Canadian family. The subject of this sketch was educated in the parish school of St. Hyacinthe, but when seventeen years of age he determined to seek his fortune elsewhere, and possessed of indomitable pluck and energy, and with only twenty-five cents ready cash in his pocket, he set out for Montreal. Although he was friendless and alone, he soon made some headway, entering the office of *La Minerve* as an apprentice to the printing trade, and afterwards worked for some years on the *Courrier*. In 1842, Mr. Rolland started in the book, paper and fancy goods trades, and the firm of J. B. Rolland & Fils, has for many years past been favorably known to the trade of the entire Dominion as extensive dealers in home manufactures, as well as large importers of



HON. JEAN BAPTISTE ROLLAND.

trade.—known personally to very many of them, and by reputation to nearly all. The following sketch of his life is taken from a "Cyclopædia

French, German and English fancy goods, with a very large paper mill at St. Jerome. Leaving the active management of the mercantile busi-