

FIELDING, Hon. WILLIAM STEVENS. (*Halifax.*)

Of English descent. B. at Halifax, 24 Nov., 1848. Ed. there. M., 7 Sept., 1876, Hester, dau. of Thomas A. Rankine, Esq., of St. John, N.B. Is a journalist, and connected for many years with the *Halifax Morning Chronicle*. At the Convention of the Liberal party held at Halifax after the resignation of the Thompson Govt. in 1882, the positions of Premier and Provl. Secy. were tendered to and declined by him. Entered the administration of Hon. W. T. Pipes, 22 Dec., 1882, having previously declined the offer of seat in it. Resigned May, 1884. On the retirement of Hon. Mr. Pipes, 15 July, 1884, was called upon to re-organise the Administration, which he succeeded in doing, becoming Premier and Provl. Secy. 28 July 1884. First returned to Ho. of Assem. at last g.e. Re-elected on acceptance of office, 20 Aug., 1884. A Liberal.—*Halifax, N.S.*

FRASER, JAMES A. (*Guysborough.*)

Is of Scotch Highland descent. B. at Brookville, Co. of Pictou, N.S., 27 July, 1843, and ed. there. M., 18 Oct., 1871, Charlotte M., second dau. of Andrew Fisher, of Pictou. Is a miner. Was elected to the Municipal Council of St. Mary's Dist. in 1879. First returned to Ho. of Assem. at last g.e. A Liberal and "Nova Scotia First" man. Believes the protective policy of the Dominion Govt. to be exceedingly oppressive to the people of N.S., and that the Union of N. S. with the upper provinces has worked against the best interests of the province.—*Golden-ville, N.S.*

GAYTON, ALBERT. (*Yarmouth.*)

Eld. s. of James Gayton, Esq., by Miriam, dau. of the late Wm. Hamilton, Esq., and grandson of Thomas Gayton, Esq., a native of Irel.; other ancestors were U. E. Loyalists. B. at Argyll, N.S. 30 Dec., 1840. Ed. there and at Truro. M., 2 Dec., 1862, Helen, dau. of Samuel Hamilton, Esq., of Kemptville. A merchant. Was a mem. of the Ex. Council, and Commissioner of Public Works and Mines from 15 Dec., 1877 to 15 Oct., 1878, and again from 3 Augt., 1882 to 28 July, 1884, in the Administration of Hon. Mr. Pipes. First returned to Leg. Assem. for present seat at g.e. 1871; re-elected at g.e. 1874 and