

mons; the reorganization of the Civil Service on a permanent basis; the construction of the Intercolonial Railway; the enlargement of the canals; the enactment of a stringent election law; the ratification of the Washington Treaty; the Confederation of B.N.A.; and extension and consolidation of the Dominion. In his position as leader of the Opposition, Sir John, on several occasions, gave the late Government the benefit of his ability and long experience in perfecting several of their most important measures, notably the Insolvent Act, and the Act constituting the Supreme Court of the Dominion. During the summer of 1880 Sir John visited England in company with the Ministers of Railways and Agriculture, where they arranged the contract for the construction of the Pacific Railway, to which Parlt. has given effect.—*Stadacona Hall, Ottawa; Toronto Club; Rideau Club; Yacht Club.*

MACKENZIE, Hon. ALEXANDER, P. C. (*East York.*)

Third s. of the late Alexander Mackenzie, of Logierait, Perthshire, Scot., by Mary second daughter of Mr. Donald Fleming, of the same parish; and grand-s. of Mr. Malcom Mackenzie, of Strathtummel. The family, consisting of the parents and seven sons, came to Can. 1842. One of the sons—the late Hope F. Mackenzie, Esq.—represented Lambton, and afterwards North Oxford, in the Can. Assem. for some years. B. near Dunkeld, Perthshire, 28 Jan. 1822. Ed. at the public schools of Moulin, Dunkeld, and Perth. M., 1st, Helen, dau. of the late Mr. Wm. Neil, of Irvine, Scot. (she d. 2 Jan. 1852;); 2nd, 17 June, 1853, Jane, eldest dau. of the late Mr. Robert Sym, of Perthshire, Scot. In youth learned the business of a builder and architect, and after arrival in Can. became a contractor. For some years edited the *Lambton Shield*, a Reform journal. Is Presdt. of the Sovereign Fire Ins. Co., also of the North American Life Ins. Co., and a dir. of the Building and Loan Asso. Was Major 27th Lambton Batt. of V. I. for some years, up to Oct. 1874, when he resigned. Was a mem. of the Ex. Council and Treas. of Ont. (in Mr. Blake's Administration), from 21 Dec. 1871 until Oct. 1872, when he retired with Mr. Blake for the purpose of confining themselves entirely to Dominion politics. Declined a seat in the Can. Cabinet on the occasion of the retirement of Mr. Brown, 1865. Was leader of Ontario Reform Opposition in House of Commons from the Union until 1873, when elected leader of the whole Opposition party, and continued in that position until 5 Nov. 1873, when, owing to the resignation