

580. Hon. Felix Geoffrion died at Vercheres on the 7th August, 1894. He was born in Varennes in 1832. Married in 1856. Studied the Notarial profession and was Registrar of Vercheres from 1854 to 1863. In the latter year he was elected to represent Vercheres in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada and remained in the Assembly till Confederation.

At the first general election after that event he was returned to the Commons. He was sworn in as a member of the Privy Council of Canada and appointed Minister of Inland Revenue on the 8th July, 1874, in succession to Hon. T. Fournier. In consequence of serious illness he resigned from the Cabinet in 1876, retaining his seat in the Commons, which he held continuously from 1867 to the day of his death.

In 1874 he moved for a Select Committee of the House to enquire into the causes of the difficulties in the North-west during 1869-70, became Chairman of the Committee, and wrote the report thereof to Parliament. He was one of the oldest members of the House and was held in high respect.

581. Sir Narcisse F. Belleau died at Quebec on 14th September, 1894. He was born in 1808. A lawyer he became attracted to politics in early life and entered the Legislative Council in 1852, of which body he was elected Speaker in 1857. During the Coalition Government of 1865 he was called upon to be Premier and Receiver-General. Sir John A. Macdonald was at the time senior member of the Government. The Governor General, on the death of Sir Etienne Taché, suggested that Sir John should accept the premiership, but Hon. George Brown, who was also a member of the Government, objected, and by mutual consent Sir Narcisse was chosen.

In 1867 Sir Narcisse was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, which position he occupied till February, 1873, when he retired to private life. He was knighted while he was Mayor of Quebec, after the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in 1860. In 1879 the Queen conferred on him the distinction of Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

In all the public positions he filled he bore himself so as to win credit and honour. "Distinguished as a lawyer and a literary man, his home was a social centre of refinement and culture where many notable persons sought the society of one who always charmed by his manner and attracted by the high qualities of his mind."

582. Hon. Christopher F. Fraser, who died 24th August, 1894, was a native of Brockville, Ontario. He was born in 1839. His father, a Scottish Highlander, was one of the pioneers of the district. He was called to the Bar in 1865. In the first Provincial Election after Confederation he offered as the Liberal candidate in Brockville, but was defeated. He was again defeated in 1871, when he ran for South Grenville. A vacancy occurring in South Grenville by the death of the sitting member, he was returned in 1872, but was unseated on petition. A new election being ordered, Mr. Fraser was successful and continued to represent that constituency till 1879, when he was elected member for Brockville and represented his native town for 15 years. Within a year of his first return to the Legislature, Mr. Fraser was appointed a member of the Executive Council and was