

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT OF LOWER-CANADA

List of Members of the Assembly chosen at the late General Election upon a Dissolution, the late Assembly having adhered to the Act of Supply passed by the Three Branches of the Colonial Legislature in 1825, with notices of the different Members, &c.

County of GASPE.

Robert Christie, Advocate, * and Proprietor in Quebec, Chairman Quarter Sessions, Quebec. Native of Nova Scotia, resident in Quebec. New Member, elected after a Poll. Mr. Poiré, formerly of Gaspé, unsuccessful Candidate. Population of the County by Census 1826—6425.

County of CORNWALLIS.

Joseph Robitaille, extensive Landholder, native Lower-Canada, Ancienne Lorette. Served in eight Parliaments.
Joseph Levasseur Borgia, senior Advocate Quebec Bar, native of Lower-Canada, Quebec, and resident there. Served in six Parliaments.

Both of the majority on the Finance Question. Elected without opposition. Population 20,012.

County of DEVON.

J. B. Fortin, cultivating Proprietor; native of Lower-Canada, of the County and resident there. Served in seven Parliaments.
J. C. Letourneau, Notary and Proprietor; native of Lower-Canada, Rivière du Sud, and resident in the County.

Mr. Fortin was of the majority, Mr. Letourneau new Member. Elected after a Poll. Major Després of the County the former Member of three Parliaments, and of the minority, and Daniel McCallum, Advocate, Quebec, the unsuccessful Candidates. Population 11,934.

County of HERTFORD.

Frs. Blanchet, Physician, Seigneur and Landholder. Native of Lower-Canada, of the County, at Rivière du Sud, resident in Quebec. Served six Parliaments.

N. Boissonnault, Trader and Landholder. Native of Lower-Canada, of the County, at Rivière du Sud, resident in Quebec. Served one Parliament.

Both of the majority, elected without opposition. Population 14,044.

County of DORCHESTER.

Louis Lagueux, Advocate and Landholder. Native of Lower-Canada, Quebec, and resident there. Served three Parliaments.

Joseph Samson, Tavernkeeper and Fur Trader, Proprietor and resident in Quebec. Native of Lower-Canada, of the County at Pointe Lévi.

Mr. Lagueux was of the majority. Mr. Samson a new Member. Elected after a Poll; unsuccessful Candidate John Davidson, Warden of the Forests, the former Member, and of five Parliaments, of the minority. Population 19,767.

County of BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

Louis Bourdages, Notary and extensive Landholder; native of Lower-Canada, Quebec, resident St. Denis. Served in seven Parliaments.

J. B. Proulx, cultivating Proprietor. Native of Lower-Canada and County, Nicolet, where he resides. Served two Parliaments.

Both of the majority, elected without opposition. Population 33,522.

Borough of SOREL or W. HENRY.

Wolfred Nelson, Physician St. Denis. Native of Lower-Canada, Sorel. New Member.

Elected after a Poll; unsuccessful Candidate, J. Stuart, Attorney General, of the minority. Population 1,112.

County of RICHELIEU.

J. Desaulles, wealthy Seigneur and Landholder. Native of Lower-Canada, resident in the County, at St. Hyacinthe. Served in four Parliaments.

R. De St. Ours, wealthy Seigneur and Landholder. Native of Lower-Canada, of the County, at St. Ours, where he resides. Served in one Parliament.

Both of the majority; elected without opposition. Population 56,256.

County of BEDFORD.

Hertel De Rouville, wealthy Seigneur and Landholder. Served in one Parliament.

Of the majority, elected without opposition. Population 23,654.

County of SURREY.

Pierre Amiot, Trader and Proprietor. Native of Lower-Canada, Quebec, resident in the County. Served five Parliaments.

L. J. Papineau, Advocate Montreal Bar* and Seigneur; late Speaker. Native of Lower-Canada, Montreal, and resident there. Served eight Parliaments.

Both of the majority; elected without opposition. Mr. Massue, the former Member, and of the majority, having proposed Mr. Papineau in his stead. Population 11,573.

County of KENT.

D. B. Viger, Advocate Montreal Bar* and extensive Proprietor. Native of Lower-Canada, District of Montreal, and resident there. Served eight Parliaments.

F. A. Quesnel, Advocate Montreal Bar and Landholder. Native of Lower-Canada, of the County, at Boucherville, resident near Montreal. Served two Parliaments.

Both of the majority; elected without opposition. Population 10,890.

County of HUNTINGDON.

A. Cuillier, Auctioneer and Commission Merchant, and extensive Proprietor, Montreal. Native of Lower-Canada, Quebec, resident in Montreal. Served five Parliaments.

J. M. Raymond, Merchant and extensive Proprietor. Native of Lower-Canada, of the County, at Laprairie, and resident there. Served one Parliament.

Both of the majority; elected after a Poll; unsuccessful Candidate, Mr. Barbeau. Population 59,586.

CITY OF MONTREAL—EAST WARD.

Hugues Heney, Advocate Montreal Bar* and Proprietor; Native of Lower-Canada, District of Three-Rivers, resident near Montreal. Served three Parliaments.

James Leslie, Merchant and Seigneur. Native of Scotland; resident Montreal. Served one Parliament.

Both of the majority; elected after a Poll. Unsuccessful Candidate John Molson, a native of England and wealthy proprietor in Montreal.

CITY OF MONTREAL—WEST WARD.

L. J. Papineau, the same elected for Surrey.

Robert Nelson, Physician and Proprietor. Native of Lower-Canada, Sorel; resident in Montreal. New Member.

Elected after a Poll, in which Mr. McGill, merchant; a native of Scotland, and Mr. Delisle of Montreal, Clerk of the Peace, were the unsuccessful Candidates. Population of both Wards 22,357.

County of MONTREAL.

Joseph Perrault, cultivating Proprietor. Native of Lower-Canada, Montreal, resident near Montreal. Served 3 Parliaments.

Joseph Valois, Proprietor; formerly trader. Native of Lower-Canada, District of Montreal; resident in Montreal. Served three Parliaments.

Both of the majority; elected after a Poll, in which Mr. Grant, Advocate of Montreal, was the unsuccessful Candidate. Population County including Town, 27,085.

County of YORK.

Jacques Labrie, Physician and Proprietor. Native of Lower-Canada, St. Pierre, District of Quebec, resident in the County, Rivière du Chêne.

J. B. Lefebvre, Trader and Proprietor, of Vaudreuil, in the County. Both new Members; elected after a Poll.

Mr. Simpson, a native of London, Collector of the Customs at Coteau du Lac, who served in one Parliament; and Mr. Dumont, Seigneur of St. Eustache, who served in six Parliaments, being the unsuccessful Candidates; both of the minority on the Finance question. Population 30,096.

County of EFFINGHAM.

Ovide Turgeon, Proprietor. Native of Lower-Canada, and of the County, where he resides. Served one Parliament. Of the majority.

A. Papineau, cultivating Proprietor. Native of Lower-Canada, of the County where he resides. New Member.

Elected without opposition. Mr. De Montigny, the former Member of the majority having declined. Population 14,921.

County of LEINSTER.

Laurent Leroux, Merchant and wealthy Proprietor. Native of Lower-Canada, and resident at l'Assomption.

Julien Poirier, cultivating Proprietor, Native of Lower-Canada of the County and resident there, instead of Messrs. Rochon and Courteau, the former Members, of the majority, who were Candidates.

Both new Members; elected after a Poll, at which about 3000 votes were taken. All the Candidates were in favour of the majority of the Assembly; but differed on a question purely local. Population 19,757.

County of WARWICK.

J. Deligny, Merchant and Proprietor. Native of Lower-Canada, at Quebec, resident in the County, at Berthier. Served four Parliaments.

Alexis Mousseau, cultivating Proprietor. Native of Lower-Canada, and of the County in which he is resident. Served two Parliaments.

Mr. Deligny was of the majority. Mr. Mousseau was not in the last Assembly; elected after a Poll, instead of Dr. Barbier. Mr. Morrison being the unsuccessful Candidate. Population 15,935.

County of St. MAURICE.

Pierre Bureau, Trader and Proprietor. Native of Lower-Canada, Ancienne Lorette, District of Quebec. Served three Parliaments.

Charles Caron, cultivating Proprietor. Native of Lower-Canada, of the County, Machiche. Served one Parliament.

Of the majority elected after a poll. M. Hart, Three Rivers, unsuccessful Candidate. Population 21,066.

Borough of **THREE RIVERS.**

P. B. Dumoulin, Advocate, and extensive Proprietor; native of Lower-Canada, District of Three Rivers, resident at Three Rivers. New Member.

C. R. Ogden, Solicitor-General; native of Lower-Canada, Quebec, resident Montreal. Served three Parliaments.

Elected after a poll, in which A Berthelot, member of the majority, of the late Assembly, was the unsuccessful Candidate. M. Ogden was of the minority, and elected in opposition to M. Dumoulin in 1826, instead of M. Renvoyzé, deceased. Population 2453.

County of **HAMPSHIRE.**

F. X. Larue, Notary and Landholder; native of Lower-Canada, of the County, resident at Pt. aux Trembles. Served two Parliaments.

John Cannon, a wealthy proprietor, native of Newfoundland, resident Quebec. New Member.

M. Larue was of the majority. Elected after a poll, in which **M. Drolet**, the former Member, also of the majority, and **M. Dorion**, of St. Anne, were the unsuccessful Candidates. Population 13,312.

County of **QUEBEC.**

J. Neilson, Proprietor, (formerly printer and bookseller, Quebec); native of Scotland, resident at St. Foy, in the County. Served four Parliaments.

Michel Clouet, marchand and Proprietor; native of Lower-Canada, Beauport, in the County, resident at Quebec. Served two Parliaments.

Both of the majority. Elected after a Poll, in which **G. H. Ryland**, of the Executive Council Office, son of the Hon. H. W. Ryland, was the unsuccessful Candidate. Population, including city, 28,625.

City of **QUEBEC.—UPPER TOWN.**

J. R. Vallieres de St. Real, Advocate and Proprietor; native of Lower-Canada, Quebec, and resident. Served four Parliaments.

Andrew Stuart, Advocate and Landholder; native of Upper-Canada, resident Upper Town. Served four Parliaments.

M. Vallieres was of the minority on some of the Resolutions on the Finance Question, but voted to adhere to the Act of Supply of 1825. **M. Stuart** was of the minority. They were elected after a poll, in which **M. Vanfelson**, Advocate Gen. and **M. Berthelot**, who represented Three Rivers in the last Parliament, and voted with the majority, were the unsuccessful Candidates. Population, 10,188.

City of **QUEBEC.—LOWER TOWN.**

Jean Belanger, Notary and Proprietor; native of Lower-Canada, Quebec resident. Served one Parliament.

T. A. Young, Auditor of Public Accounts, and Proprietor; native of Lower-Canada, Quebec, resident. Served one Parliament.

M. Belanger was of the majority, **M. Young** of the Minority. Elected after a poll, in which **T. Lee**, formerly member for Northumberland, was the unsuccessful Candidate. Population 10,198; for both towns 20,336.

County of **NORTHUMBERLAND.**

M. P. De Sales Laterriere, Physician and Seigneur; native of Lower-Canada, Quebec, resident Eboulements, in the County. Served one Parliament.

E. C. Lagueur, Marchand and Proprietor; native of the County, resident Quebec. Member of several Parliaments for the same County.

M. De Sales Laterriere was of the majority. **Mr. Fraser**, also of the majority, declined. Elected after a poll, **T. Lee**, a former Member for the County, being the unsuccessful Candidate. Population 11,210.

County of **ORLEANS.**

François Quiroüet, Merchant and Proprietor; native of Lower-Canada, Quebec, resident. Served in three Parliaments. Population 4,022.

(In nearly all the Counties, Candidates in opposition to the Members of the Majority, were announced, but they did not appear, or declined a poll.)

* These Advocates either do not practice, or only on particular occasions.

† All the Members, excepting two or three, possess

real estates of the value of £1000 and upwards. They have no pay. The average disbursements, occasioned by attending during one Parliament, for members residing at a distance, is from £100 to £200. It will be observed, that of the fifty members thirty-three are natives of, or reside in the districts of Quebec and Three Rivers, and Gaspé, containing only about a third of the population. Frequent attempts have been made, on the part of the Administration, to excite in the House local jealousies; but they have always failed both with the members and the Country.

RECAPITULATION.

21 Counties, 3 of which send only 1 Member each	50
2 Cities, 4 Members each	8
2 Boroughs	2
	<hr/> 50
PLACE OF BIRTH.	
Natives of Lower-Canada	46
Of Great Britain	2
Other British Dominions	2
	<hr/> 50
RESIDENCE.	
In the places they represent	35
Not resident, but Natives of do.	15
Non-Residents & unconnected by birth	7
	<hr/> 50
MEANS OF SUPPORT.	
Landholders and Proprietors living on their incomes	12
Cultivating Proprietors	7-19
Merchants and Commission Merchants	3
Ditto in the internal trade	9-12
Practising Advocates	7
Notaries	4
Physicians	5-16
In Public Employments	3
	<hr/> 50
RELIGIOUS DIVISION.	
Church of Rome	42
England	5
Scotland	2
Uncertain	1
	<hr/> 50
POLITICAL COMPLEXION.	
Country (or clique according to the administration writers)	46
Every measure of every administration men	2
Occasional ditto	2-4-50

(The real number of individuals elected is only 49, one is therefore classed on supposition.)

MINORITY OF THE LATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

- Messrs. **J. Stuart**, Attorney General, (for Sorel rejected.)
- Ogden**, Solicitor General (for Three Rivers re-elected.)
- Taschereau**, Police Magistrate (for Gaspé replaced by Mr. Christie.)
- Young**, Auditor of Provin. Accounts (for L. T. re-elected)
- Simpson**, Collector at Coteau (for County York rejected.)
- Davidson**, Warden of Forests (County Dorchester rejected)
- Dumont**, Seigneur St. Eustache (County York rejected.)
- Despres**, Proprietor, Devon, (rejected.)
- A. Stuart**, Advocate, Upper Town, (re-elected.)

The Electors, excepting in towns and boroughs, are all Freeholders; the Population is about 600,000, eleven twelfths agricultural, and one-twelfth professions and Trades and public employments. Natives of Lower-Canada about eighth-ninths; Catholics, nine-tenths; Church of England and Scotland, about half of this tenth. The agriculturists have about fourteen members less than their share; natives two less; professions and trades six over; Catholics two less than their share; Church of England double its share; Scotland its share; other protestants none. Distinctions on these heads have been attempted, but did not prevail during the late election.



