

Business card

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Black and white photograph of Sir Étienne-Paschal Taché (1795-1865). Canadian physician and politician. Patriot.

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Fabricant / Éditeur Livernois

Period 2nd half of the 19th century

Medium and Support silver print, paper; cardboard

Technique glued, printed

Historical context

Between 1857 and 1865, Jules-Isaïe Benoit dit Livernois (1830-1865) practiced photography in Quebec City. In addition to making portraits, he devoted himself to copying paintings and other objects in order to make them known to the general public.

This calling card, a cardboard-mounted photograph made by Livernois around 1860, shows a portrait of Sir Étienne-Paschal Taché (1795-1865) while he was President of the Legislative Council of the Province of Canada between April 1856 and November 1857. Théophile Hamel (1817-1870) painted this picture in 1856.

Having served as a militia officer in the War of 1812, Taché turned to medicine, which he practiced from 1819 to 1841. In 1837, he organized the Patriotes assembly in Montmagny. His political career, which began in 1841, led him to hold a number of positions in various Canadian governments. He joined the Legislative Council (forerunner of today's Senate) in 1848. He presided over the Québec Conference in October 1864. He was one of the Fathers of Canadian Confederation.