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General Patrick Henry Jones, Postmaster of New York City

General Jones, the new Postmaster of New York city, is an Irishman by birth. 25 years ago he came to this country with his father. He was then a lad of 10 years of age. He served with gallantry in the late civil war, entering the service as a private in the 37th New York Volunteers in May, 1861. He was soon elected Second Lieutenant by his company, and from this post he was promoted to the First Lieutenancy, then to the post of Major of the regiment, and in October . 1862, to the rank of Colonel, assuming command of the 154th N.Y. He went through all the campaigns under Pope and Burnside, up to the battle of Chancellorsville, where he was badly wounded and taken prisoner. On his recovery he managed to get out of the hands of the rebels, and was sent with his regiment to the Western army, then operating under Sherman. He participated in the campaign from Ghattancoga to Atlanta, and with such marked coolness and bravery that he was recommended by Gens. Hooker and Howard for promotion to the position of Brigadier-General. President Lincoln, on receiving these recommendations, immediately telegraphed General Sherman to know his opinion in regard to this promotion, and General Sheramn replied that it was one eminently proper to be made, on account of his gallant services in the field; whereupon he wasmade a full Brigadier-General, which position he held through the war, participating from that time in all the campaigns of General Sherman. He resigned his military rank June 15, 1865. The same year he was elected Clerk of the Court of Appeals on the Republican ticket, and served his officail term. In 1868 he was appointed by Governor Fenton to the Registership of New York, to fill the unexpired term to General Charles G. Halpine. He was succeeded in this position by the election of Michael Connolly. The proceeds of this pffice, after defraying expenses, he paid over to the widow of General Halpine. General Jones was a Democrat before the war, is a lawyer by profession, and was Governor Fenton's law partner before the breaking out of the Rebellion.

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