

have been greater orators than Sir John Macdonald, greater masters of the details of public measures ; but to no other has the prophet's clearness of vision been vouchsafed in the same degree. His opponents admit his patriotic devotion to his country. He was essentially Canadian. His ambition was to create a powerful and prosperous self-governing British colony on the northern half of the

continent, and that ambition was amply gratified. The historian of the future, removed from the events of Sir John Macdonald's life, may be able to see more clearly the reasons why his career has been so successful, so fruitful in great things accomplished ; we who have been witnesses of that success feel safe in affirming that one reason was that he loved his country and served it well.

