

to his want of brevity in expressing himself, and to his habit of making extravagant statements.

Hon. C. H. Tupper is a good all round man, meeting with equal success as a debater, on the stump and in parliament. Being of a jovial disposition, he is a general favorite among the members. His cleverness in business matters qualify him for the able discharge of his departmental duties. It is with him that Louis Henry Davies, the proposed leader of the opposition, is involved in many an exciting debate. Hon. Mr. Davies is an orator of no mean worth, ranking, on the opposition side of the House, second only to Hon. Wilfred Laurier. Like Hon. Mr. Foster he is gifted with a splendid command of language. Another leading orator is Hon. Mr. Chapleau, the present Minister of Customs. His style of oratory is more impassioned than that of any other member of the House. Rising and falling in perfect accord with the nature of the idea to be expressed, drawing striking pictures, and thrusting in his best argument at the proper moment, he never fails to impress.

Mr. Patterson, (Brant), is unsurpassed as an orator by any of Ontario's representatives. Capable of the most bitter irony, never hesitating to grievously wound, and ever ready to advance the most scathing arguments in support of his opinions, he is the most dreaded debater whom Liberal-Conservative speakers have to grapple with. The strongest intellect which Ontario sends to the Dominion Parliament is Dalton McCarthy. Hon. Edward Blåke having espoused the cause of Ireland, and retired from Canadian public life, Mr. McCarthy enjoys the distinction of being the greatest of Canadian lawyers. It is on questions in which points of law are involved that he figures most prominently. Like Sir John Thompson, he possesses the power of throwing his hearers into transports of enthusiasm. Conscientious and honest in his purposes, ever ready to stand up for his principles irrespective of party, his influence is one of edification on the tone of Canadian politics. Hon. David Mills has no pretensions as an orator. His delivery is hesitating and broken. Nevertheless, some of his speeches are grand examples of close reasoning, and give evidence of a thorough legal mind.

Ontario has its ablest cabinet minister in the person of Hon. J. G. Haggart. Owing to his lack of close application to study, he has not reached the high standing in parliament for which his splendid abilities qualify him. Hon. J. A. Ouimet is a debater of considerable force. His excellent business abilities qualify him for a place in the cabinet. As an orator, Hon. John Carling ranks much below the typical orators of the House. His knowledge of finance gives him a leading place. Sir Adolphe Caron is a clever debater, but the inferior of Mr. Chapleau. Probably the ablest minister of the cabinet, as regards the performing of departmental