

kenzie's Cabinet. It was at best an ephemeral criticism, and the *Globe* practically punctured it, the morning after he announced appointment, by saying :

"Instead of his youth being against him, it is altogether in his favour. Canada has too few young politicians in Parliament and still fewer in positions where they may learn how to conduct public affairs."

In proceeding to point out that the young Minister would acquire experience during a brief interval which would make him for the balance of his political life a useful Parliamentary critic and member of the future Conservative Opposition, the Liberal organ was, of course, unintentionally funny. But it made amends for so very natural a wish in its final comments upon the appointment :

"It may be said that he has been advanced simply because he is 'the son of his father,' but that would be scarcely fair. Though the new Minister of Marine has not displayed any special eloquence, originality or ability, he has shown prudence, self-restraint, good humour, and courage, if not inherited audacity. He is certainly the ablest Tory member from Nova-Scotia. He is said to be a 'glutton for work,' and that is very creditable to so young a man. We see no reason why he should not become an efficient administrator of the Fisheries Department, with the business of which he is, as a Nova-Scotian, more or less familiar."

The *Globe's* opinion of Mr. Tupper's probable success as a minister has been amply verified, but in passing, we might ask, if prudence, self-restraint, courage, good humour, and industry do not constitute "ability," what its inherent characteristics are. In addition to these admitted qualities, Mr. Tupper is eloquent, and, like his father, a magnificent stump speaker. But of this later. The *Mail*, (February 13th 1888), which was then, as now, an Opposition organ, commented very favourably upon Sir John Macdonald's selection of his new colleague :

"Mr. C. H. Tupper begins public life very soon after beginning professional life, with an excellent outfit for the career. A high personal character, a chivalrous disposition, much success as a student and marked success as a lawyer, with a place as member for the loyal County of Pictou (out of which nothing base ever comes)—these are young Mr. Tupper's fortunate belongings, and these he will use ably and loyally for his party and his country."