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In order to avoid, so far as possible, the appearance of flattery, in the case of the member for Russell, we will content ourselves with observing that that gentleman has no slight cause for gratitude to the "Parent of good" for the organization with which He has endowed him. His mental faculties are enshrined in a frame so robust, that if he will acquaint himself with the laws of health, and will reduce those laws to practice, we trust he will realize the added boon of length of days which, *so far as regards our Creator*, is undoubtedly his design. Mr. Robillard's mind is naturally active and excitable; he is a keen observer, and will be at no loss to detect deviations from the path of rectitude; he remembers persons well, but forgets their names; is given to travel and can find his way, as it were instinctively; appreciates neatness and order, but does not necessarily at all times illustrate these virtues. The hon. member is not intended by nature for a wire-puller, inasmuch as his tendency is towards impetuosity; neither can he be said to have been designed to be a subject for a party whip, for in the event of such an instrument being applied to him, we would not be answerable for his not overleaping the traces. There are indications of the strictest integrity characterizing this gentleman, so that if the political wind should change, and he should cease to be as "powerless" as at present, we may rely on his maintaining a promise, even to his own detriment. His sense of right will render him highly indignant and severe in any case wherein the laws of equity may be violated.

The Dominion is not so overstocked with men who will espouse the cause of the feeble, but that we may rejoice to recognize such a disposition on the part of the subject of this "sounding"; and our satisfaction is unlikely to be diminished by our being enabled to recognize such a combination of qualities, as sympathy, generosity, and truthfulness, in this case. The strength of will possessed by this gentleman, must necessarily give force to such characteristics as have been already indicated, and one would not desire to diminish it. But one is free to con-