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SIR CHARLES TUPPER, BART., M. D., G.

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As far back as 1522, there lived in Hesse-Cassel, Germany, two brothers named Tupper; their progressive views were in advance of the age in which they lived, and consequently, in order to better throw off the yoke of the powers then dominant, they decided to leave their native land. One brother settled in Holland, where his descendants are said to be still flourishing. The other crossed over to England, and settled in the county of Kent, where he lived and flourished. One of his descendants named Thomas Tupper, emigrated to America, being one of its earliest pioneers. Here he became one of the incorporators of the town of Sandwich, in Massachusetts, and his son, another Thomas, demonstrated the perseverance and good luck of the family by winning the hand of the daughter of Governor Mayhew.

A descendant of this marriage crossed the borders about the year 1760, and settled in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. His grandson who was born in Amherst, in the county of Cumberland, on the 2d of July, 1821, forms the subject of this sketch.

Space will only permit us to merely rehearse, one after another, a few of the important events in a life remarkable for its outstanding brilliancy.

After being educated at Horton Academy, the then young Mr. Tupper chose the profession of medicine.

He was sent to Edinburgh to study, and, in 1843, returned with the degree of M. D. from the university, and a Licentiate's diploma from the Royal College of Surgeons. He settled down in his native place, and established a lucrative practice.

The following are positions he has filled, for, as we already said, we can only find space to merely enumerate them: Governor of Dalhousie College, Halifax; (appointed by Act of Parliament in 1862) a director on the London board of the Bank of British Columbia; president of the Canadian Medical association; a member of the Executive Council, Provincial Secretary, and subsequently prime minister of Nova Scotia; a delegate from the Nova Scotian to the Imperial Government in 1858 and 1865; in a similar capacity from the Dominion to the Imperial Government, in 1868; leader of the Nova Scotian delegation to the Union Conference at Charlottetown, in 1864; to the Québec Conference in the same year, and to the final Colonial Conference, held in London to complete the terms of Union, in 1866-67; he holds a patent of rank and precedence from Her Majesty as an Ex-Councillor of N.S.; was created a C. B. in 1867; a K. C. M. G. in 1879; a G. C. M. G. in 1886; and, for his distinguished services on the Fisheries Conference, he was, on Sept. 13th, 1888, created a baronet of the United Kingdom.

He is author of an historical *Letter to the Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon on the Union Question*, (London, 1866); he declined a seat in the Canadian Cabinet in 1867, and the Chairmanship of the Intercolonial Railway Board, in 1868; he was sworn of the Privy Council in July, 1870, and was its president for the succeeding two years, was minister of the Inland Revenue Depart-