

## CHAPTER II.

REMINISCENCES OF THE HON. GEORGE BROWN AND THE  
HON. JOHN SANDFIELD MACDONALD.

Writing about the Hon. Oliver Mowat, leads Pat Proden to write about two other distinguished Canadian statesmen—the Hon. George Brown and the Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald,—with both of whom Pat had the honor of a slight acquaintance in the days of other years, when Pat was a younger if not a, better man than he is now. Pat must confess that he did not like George



Brown very well; he thought him too insolent and overbearing, having too much regard for what he considered his own rights and prerogatives, with too little respect for the rights and the feelings, and too little charity for the failings, of others. The presence in a greater or a lesser degree of these essential elements in the composition of the character of a politician will proportionately advance his success in life as certainly as their absence will hinder and retard it—though their absence may in some degree be compensated for (as in the case of the Hon. George Brown) by great natural gifts and abilities and mental endowments; yet it was almost entirely, if not altogether, owing to the want of a proper respect or regard for the feelings of others, and the absence of a spirit of Christian charity for the failings of a fellow-mortal, that George