

political life. Unlike many of his colleagues and opponents he never indulges in extravagant statements. His manner when addressing the House is always calm, simple and unassuming. Only when some of his opponents have made an unusually bitter attack on the Government's policy is his voice raised above the ordinary pitch; then, although still calm and collected, his every word is uttered in a clear, distinct and forcible tone, and penetrates to the most distant corner of the galleries, while his arguments are more direct and effective, drawing round after round of applause from his supporters. It has been said that Sir John Macdonald's followers voted for him because they loved him, but those of Sir John Thompson support him not only because they love him, but because he convinces them by his arguments that the principles which he advocates are the right ones. Sir John Thompson does not allow his high rank and social position to interfere with his friendly relations with those of lower station in life. He is affable and obliging to everyone with whom he may have dealings.

Hon. Wilfred Laurier, the greatest of French-Canadian orators, resembles Sir John Thompson in his talent for debate, tact for leading men, pure and honorable life, and qualities as a thorough gentleman. Being master of the English language, commanding in appearance, and flowing in his delivery, the leader of the opposition is an orator of a very high order. He is the genius of the Liberal party. None of his great colleagues are capable of answering the telling arguments of their opponents so cleverly as he. His intimate acquaintance with the affairs of state enable him to argue to the best advantage. Courageous in the most trying hours, effective in debate, and polished in manners, he is a leader worthy of the Liberal party.

His only equal in the House as an orator is Hon. George E. Foster. Born a parliamentarian, and trained almost to perfection by careful study and practice, Hon. Mr. Foster is the second stay of the Liberal-Conservative party. His oratorical powers are awe inspiring. Every syllable is uttered in a ringing, clear and unhesitating tone. Never at a loss for a word to express the precise thought in his mind, and always dressing up his sentences in good forcible English, he possesses a most enviable command of language. Of him, his great antagonist, Sir Richard Cartwright, stands in awe. Sir Richard may often be seen looking across at the pruner of his periods with an expression either of wonder, admiration or impatience on his countenance. Having a strong constitution, and a powerful voice, Sir Richard is capable of speaking four hours without becoming hoarse or fatigued, and of making himself heard not only in the Chamber, but far down the corridors. Though the possessor of great abilities, he is not as effective a debater as many of his colleagues who are generally considered his inferiors as parliamentarians. This is owing chiefly