

character of the young candidate. Mr. Foster was elected in June, 1882. The election was voided, and he was again elected in November, 1882. He was re-elected, after his acceptance of office, again on December 31st, 1885. His majority in June, 1882, was 71 votes; in November, 1882, 281 votes, and in December, 1885, 384 votes. On December 10th, 1885, he was sworn of the Privy Council, and invested with the portfolio of marine and fisheries. Professor Foster has travelled in all the provinces of Canada, and through the greater portion of the United States, having visited England, Scotland, France, Germany, and Switzerland. He is a member of the Free Baptist denomination, and for many years has been, and is now, a prominent member of its conference, and he was president of the Union Baptist Educational Society in 1884-5. The Hon. George Eulis Foster is a Liberal-Conservative in politics—a full believer in the future greatness of Canada. He favours a British connection, merging into an Imperial Federation, of all the colonies with the home country, on terms that shall preserve local self-government and community of trade and defence. He is a supporter of the C.P. Railway scheme, in the interests of a fuller union, an increased interprovincial trade, an enlarged foreign commerce, as also for the settlement and development of our great North-West. Professor Foster was an important addition to the Canadian Cabinet. He is one of the foremost speakers in the country, if force and clearness of statement, fluency, and adherence to logic can entitle him to that place. He is a man of great energy, and of boundless nervous force. A literary grace pervades his style, but his speeches are never fligid, or beyond the bounds of good taste in this respect. There is a singular earnestness in his manner, and nearly every speech that he delivers resolves itself into a series of propositions, one consequent upon the other. As we have said, he is a speaker of much force, and sometimes his eloquence rises to the height of passion. After the Hon. George Eulis Foster has acquired a little more parliamentary experience, men with open joints in their armour would do well not to provoke him to conflict.

Smith, Hon. Donald Alexander, Montreal, Pictou, N. S., and Fort Garry, Winnipeg, was born in the North of Scotland, at Morayshire, in the year 1821. He there received a careful classical education, and, when his course terminated, came to

Canada. There is no other public man in this country whose career has been more prominently identified with the history of our great North-West than the Hon. Donald A. Smith. Early in life he entered the employ of the Hudson Bay Company, and rose from post to post till he became a director, and afterwards resident governor and chief commissioner of the Hudson Bay Company. In 1870, he was appointed a member of the Executive Council of the North-West territories, and he was a special commissioner appointed to enquire into the causes, nature and extent of the North-West insurrection of 1869-70; and for the tact, the care, and the comprehensiveness with which he performed this important duty, he received the special thanks of the Governor-General-in-Council. Mr. Smith is patron of the Manitoba Rifle Association; was the first president of St. Andrew's Society, in Winnipeg; and has been connected, in high official capacities, with the following companies, viz.:—the Mitchell Steamship Co.; the Bank of Manitoba; the Railway Equipment and Railway Stock Co.; and likewise with the Manitoba Presbyterian College. Mr. Smith represented Winnipeg and St. John in the Manitoba Assembly from its first sitting, in 1871, until January, 1874, when he resigned, in order to confine his attention to the House of Commons. He was first returned to the Commons on the admission of Manitoba into the union, in 1871; was re-elected at the general election of 1874, and again at the general election of 1878. In politics, he may be described as an independent Conservative, as witness this declaration of his own:—"As he has no favours to ask, and nothing personal to desire, from any government, he will support only such measures as are conducive to the advancement of Manitoba and the North-West territories, in the first instance, and to the general prosperity of the Dominion." Mr. Smith was the last resident governor of the Hudson Bay Company, as a governing body. He has likewise been a director and member of the executive committee of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company; is vice-president of the Bank of Montreal, and was one of those who went through, on the first train on the Canadian Pacific Railway, from ocean to ocean. He was present on the 7th of November, 1885, at Craigellachie, B.C., when the last spike was driven in that great undertaking. The Hon. Donald A. Smith has one of the finest private residences in the Dominion, at Montreal; he likewise has a seat at Pictou, N.S., and another at Sil-