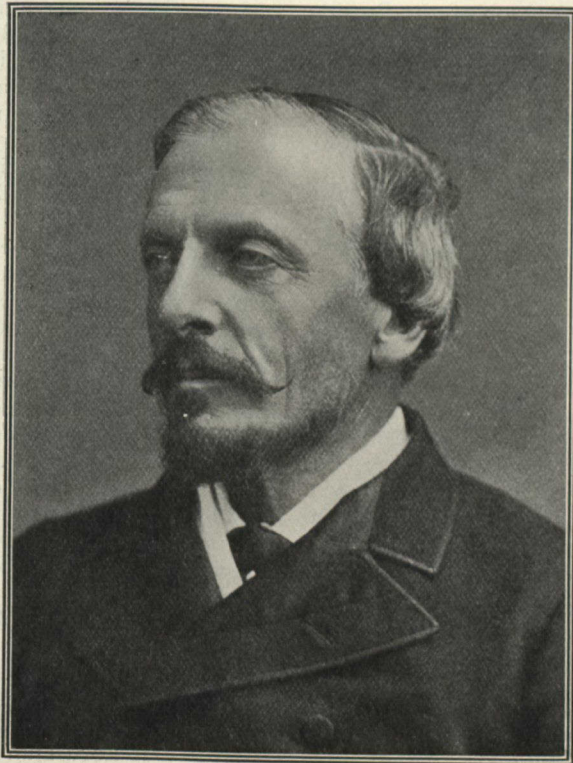


the presiding officer called out to a waiting audience of several thousand persons: "Ladies and gentlemen, the Governor-General of Canada will now address you." Finding himself trapped, Lord Dufferin was equal to the occasion, as indeed to what emergency did he not prove himself equal? This instance of Yankee sharpness he used to relate with keen enjoyment. Another of his pleasant jests at his own

bodies." This daring sally was characteristic of Lord Dufferin. As the Liberals, commonly called Grits, were then in office, his assurance that no political significance attached to his words served to heighten the jest.

Another of his humorous allusions was keenly appreciated in the United States. The Republic seemed to be on the verge of a revolution caused by the corrupt exclusion of Tilden from the



THE LATE LORD DUFFERIN—HIS LAST PHOTOGRAPH

expense, with reference to his early official life, consisted in describing himself as "maid-of-all-work to the British Government." In one of the most famous of his Canadian speeches he likened a Governor-General to the humble functionary who went about a mass of complicated machinery with a little tin can of oil in his hand pouring in a drop here or there to make it run smoothly and to "prevent the intrusion of dust, 'grits' and other foreign

Presidency. Lord Dufferin pointed out how valuable a British Governor-General would be under the circumstances—an arbiter between factions and an impartial authority possessing the confidence of both. He professed to feel intense anxiety when venturing near the frontier in case they would come over and kidnap him. But he promised his hearers with mock solemnity, so attached to Canada was he, that, even under threats of violence,