

spoke," says the same authority, "probably oftener, though never longer, than any other member. Always forcible, keen and emphatic, with large stores of information, and an inexhaustible vocabulary, he made his influence felt in every branch of every subject." At the banquet given to the members of the conference by the Quebec Board of Trade, he was the first and principal speaker, and he so impressed the writer by the lofty and patriotic ring of his sentiments that he was immediately filled with a desire to make his acquaintance. Accordingly, on the following day he called at the old St. Lewis Hotel, where the delegates were quartered, and, having sent up his card, was admitted to the presence of the present leader of the Liberal-Conservative party of Canada. Sir Charles Tupper was then in the very prime of manhood, and carried himself with great vigor and determination. Indeed, his every movement was instinct with mental and physical strength. Of good figure and commanding presence, with curly and almost raven black hair, and a pair of eyes singularly eloquent in expression, he was one who would attract attention anywhere. What the writer chiefly noticed, however, during their half-hour's conversation, was his well-bred, courteous manner, and the