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HON. SIR CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER, Q.C.

Few men have so early in life occupied the prominent position which has fallen to the lot of the gentleman whose portrait appears on the opposite page.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, was born at Amherst, Nova Scotia, on August 3, 1855, being the second son of Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, so well known in Dominion politics. Mr. Tupper received his education at Windsor Academy in Nova Scotia, then at McGill University, Montreal, where he obtained the Governor-General's scholarship, and subsequently at Harvard University, graduating in 1876.

In the year 1878 he was called to the Bar of Nova Scotia, and to the Ontario Bar in 1895. After practicing his profession for some years in his native Province, in October, 1897, he removed to Vancouver, at once taking a prominent position at the Bar in the Province of British Columbia. Although his legal abilities were fully recognized in his own Province, it may perhaps be said that Sir Hibbert's career of success in his profession is but beginning, inasmuch as very early in life he was engaged in politics, not the best way it may truly be said of obtaining briefs. A strong conservative like his father, he was sent to the House of Commons as member of Pictou in 1882. In 1888 he was appointed Minister of Marine and Fisheries under Sir John A. Macdonald. In December, 1894, on the death of Sir John Thompson he became Minister of Justice and Attorney-General in the Bowell Administration.

The most important event of his political career was his appointment in June, 1892, as Agent for Great Britain in connection with the Behring Sea arbitration. The great ability and industry shown by him in the preparation of the case for the British Government received from them the very warmest acknowledgement, as appears in the message from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor-General of Canada, which read as follows: "Without waiting the official text of arbitration award I will not delay congratulations to Canada upon Tupper's