

His patriotic poems are full of noble enthusiasm and inspiration. No one can read his poems without feeling his heart glow with patriotic ardor.

Joseph Howe may be described as one of that class of great men who make history, which is entirely different from the cold and lifeless opportunism prevalent among public men of to-day. He wanted his life to be fruitful of great achievements. He saw vast possibilities in British North America and he wished to arouse a slumbering generation to the capacities of the situation. When he saw injustice existing he did not stay to inquire whether this interest or that would be offended. He struck for the abuse with all his might, and with all the energy and genius of his nature.

An eminent politician of to-day, says of Howe: "I regard him as incomparably the first and greatest of the public men produced by British North America. He had a wider range, a wider grasp of the political development of this Dominion, than any of his contemporaries. He was a man of enormous historical research, a poet and humorist. He had the capacity to excite the most devoted homage and unbounded admiration of his followers and friends. He had a warm heart, generous instincts and a chivalrous nature.

Of all the enormous developments which have taken place in British North America within the last twenty years not one but was clearly mapped out in his broad and far seeing mind forty years ago."

Among the people with whom he moved for over forty years, he was recognized as a man of large heart, of lofty and generous impulses—a man who had loved his country and was willing to sacrifice anything to secure her best interests.

"The eminent ability and patriotism that marked his career as a statesman, the singleness of purpose with which he devoted his great powers to the advancement of his native province; the steadfast loyalty to the sovereign, which in a time of great popular commotion and divided counsels kept him true to the cause of the empire at large; the exalted genius that possessed him as an orator, poet, and man of letters; the genial qualities that won for him an unrivalled place in the hearts of his contemporaries; and the broad humanity that made him equally at home in the lordly palace and in the humblest cottage in the land and which has enshrined him in the affectionate admiration of his fellow countrymen of all classes, creeds, parties and nationalities," exalt Joseph Howe to the highest place in Canadian History.

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