

and must at many critical moments have exerted, in favour of sound, safe and honourable methods of party management, could not have asserted itself at all times. A very ugly chapter of Canadian political history might then never have been written.

In 1867 the first Government of the Dominion was constituted under the leadership of the then newly knighted Sir John A. Macdonald, and Mr. Campbell was sworn in as Postmaster-General. The new position did not call, to the same extent as the previous one, for the exercise of legal acumen, but it involved dealing with large public interests and a very extended patronage. The new Postmaster-General was fortunate in finding as permanent head of the Post Office a man possessing qualities closely akin to his own. No two men indeed could have been better fitted to work together in harmony than the Hon. Mr. Campbell and Mr. W. H. Griffin, then, as now, Deputy Postmaster-General. Few who have any acquaintance with the latter will think the assertion hazardous if we say that no finer intellect than Mr. Griffin's has ever devoted itself to the public service of Canada. With fineness of intellect is linked in his case, what is not its invariable accompaniment, sterling integrity of character. But the resemblances between the Postmaster-General of 1867 and his Deputy were not confined to these general traits. Both were (happily we may also say *are*) men of peculiar dignity and reserve, and of pronounced conservative tendencies. Both had been educated partly in Lower Canada, and had acquired a certain respect and liking for its solid and well-established institutions. Both had a certain instinct for control, though here their methods diverged more or less, the Postmaster-General being rather inclined to a Bismarckian way of doing things, while in his Deputy there was a subtle blending of Talleyrand and Fabius Cunctator. The Postmaster-General soon felt that he had, in the chief officer of his Department, a man whose judgment, experience and integrity were equally to be depended on; and, so far as the general routine of the Department was concerned, the Deputy Postmaster-General managed it very much in his own way. At the same time, during the six years that Mr. Campbell remained at the head of the Post Office, much solid progress was made, in all of which he took a lively interest, and exerted a