

feasibility of a political union of those then far separated members of the British family. As editor of the *Parliamentary Companion*, and otherwise, the writer had become personally acquainted with the leading Canadian statesmen of the time, but with the exception of Hon. Peter Mitchell, who had paid a brief visit to Toronto, while the seat of government, and where the writer was then living, he had had no opportunity of seeing or meeting any of the public men from the Maritime provinces. There were some fine men among the delegates to the conference from that portion of the country, which was then as a *terra incognita* to most Canadians, who, owing to this circumstance and to the patriotic cause which had called them together, were objects of no common interest. The writer recalls the figures of Adams Archibald, Leonard Tilley, Jonathan McCully, the two Grays, of Palmer, Mitchell, Pope, Chandler, Coles, Carter, Shea, Whelan, Henry, Fisher, Dickey, Macdonald, Haviland, Johnson and others of the group, as he observed them from day to day, most of whom have since paid the debt of nature. Dr. Tupper, the leader from Nova Scotia, however, as Thomas D'Arcy McGee informs us in his "Colonists in Council," was easily the leader of all. "He