

light. He commenced his course at the "College Masson," Terrebonne, and, after his rhetoric, he thought of going into business. But evidently a thirst for learning possessed him, as some time after we find him making his course of philosophy at the Seminary of St. Hyacinthe.

Mr. Chapleau's sojourn at St. Hyacinthe may be considered as the good fortune of his life, for he was there during the beautiful magisterial rule of the Reverend Mr. Desaulniers; and he imbibed from this great philosopher, this magnificent interpreter of St. Thomas, the healthful notions which have been at the base of his career, the exact knowledge which gives so much authority and irrefragable common sense to his pronouncements. Everybody knows that Mr. Chapleau is a sincere Catholic. Completely devoid of bigotry, he is, however, never afraid of proclaiming his faith; and in the House of Commons and at banquets, the most essentially English and Protestant, he has rendered homage to the Catholic Church and to the Canadian clergy with an eloquence which will bear fruit long after he shall have quitted this mortal scene.

In 1861 Mr. Chapleau was called to the Bar. He entered the law firm of Moreau and Ouimet, and later into that of Mousseau, Chapleau and Archambault, then into that of Carter, Church and Chapleau, and finally into that of Chapleau, Hall, Nicholls and Brown. Let us note, by the way, as a curious coincidence, that the Honourable Mr. Mercier, now Premier of Quebec, made a part of his law course under him.

On the 25th November, 1874, he married Miss Marie-Louise King, the remarkably gifted and distinguished daughter of Colonel King, of Sherbrooke, who contributes greatly to her husband's prestige.

He was elected for the first time in 1867 to the Local House for the County of Terrebonne, which he has since always represented and from which he cannot be dislodged by his opponents. He was named Queen's Counsel in 1873, Commander of the Order of St. Gregory in 1881, and Commander of the Legion of Honour in 1882. He is a Professor of International Law in Laval University, which has conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

Mr. Chapleau entered the Ouimet Cabinet as Solicitor-General