

In "the time that tried men's souls," when the Pacific Scandal wrecked the government of Sir John Macdonald, and the Conservative party was overwhelmed with popular disapprobation, Mr. Kirkpatrick displayed the same qualities of calmness and firmness which distinguished him on previous trying occasions. He was one of the Old Guard who stood by the Old Chieftain in his day of disaster.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was not a frequent speech-maker in the House, but, when he did speak, he was accorded the closest attention. His language was always chaste. He had the faculty of always being able to choose the right word to express his meaning without hesitating, while the fluency of his speech and the elegant correctness of his diction showed he possessed, and could use, all the powers and graces of oratory.

But it was not in the wordy conflicts of the parliamentary arena that he appeared to the best advantage, though he had a somewhat sarcastic way of putting his points, terribly annoying to those on whom he brought his powers to bear. But, speaking on questions of higher moment, and to audiences not swayed by political feeling, he was always bright and effective.

At the centenary celebration of the foundation of Upper Canada, he made a brilliant speech dealing with the history of the province, in which he proclaimed the sentiment of loyalty in these memorable words :—" Let us all endeavour to learn something of the early history of our country, that we may know the value of the glorious legacy bequeathed us by our forefathers. When we think of the trials, the privations, the sorrows they endured, the battles they fought, the enemies they overcame, the obstacles they surmounted, our hearts should swell with pride and gratitude. Then, when we think of the progress of the country, and look around this immense province of Ontario, beholding its prosperity, its literature, science, art, manufactures, its thousands of happy homes, we should, indeed, be thankful for the blessings we enjoy. We are not only a prosperous and contented people, but a God-fearing people. Any one who travels over this country, sees upon every hill-top churches with their spires pointing heavenward, telling the people of God's love for man. Then remembering the heroic deeds of our ancestors, let us be thankful that Canada to-day remains true to the flag such men upheld. Let every one, man, woman, and child, determine