
Rev. J. A. Macdonald

President of the *Globe*. And echo answered, "Ay, Macdonald's the man."

Macdonald became the editorial exponent of what was then regarded as the new Liberalism, which consisted in chastising the sins of the old Liberals. His old Middlesex idol of oratory and politics, Sir George Ross, was the first victim of what seemed like the new editor's uncompromising righteousness. The famous editorial on "barnacles" was a bad blow to the leader of the party which for thirty-two years had governed Ontario. Other men might look after the *Globe* newspaper. Macdonald from his pulpit sanctum looked after the propaganda. No man could have done it better. He had a train-platform knowledge of many parts of Canada, a glowing appreciation of big men, and a political impetuosity that might have made him an M.P. but that he played Cæsar for the sake of a better crown.

By now the doctrine of predestination had many a crimp in it from J. A. Macdonald. The Boanerges editor was famous for his speeches in Washington and all points north and west; in Edinburgh and Glasgow; and as many Sabbaths a year as possible preaching in Canadian pulpits. No editor in Canada had ever preached so much; none in America except W. J. Bryan who was a friend of Macdonald; none in England except the late W. J. Stead. In no part of the world was the oratory of Macdonald so famous as in the United States. Nowhere else did Macdonald on certain big occasions feel so much at home. Even in Canada we have at times felt rather proud of Macdonald's bardic oratory, different from the polished eloquence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and more impassioned than the speeches of Sir George Ross. We were quite willing to have the *Globe* editor go across the border now and then to thrill audiences in Washington. But Canadians were somewhat startled on a Sabbath afternoon in Massey Hall, Toronto, when, speaking at a congress of the Associated Clubs of America, Macdonald eulogised Canada as the "greatest country under the Stars and Stripes." That was a slip