

leader and were willing to run the risk, no small one at the time, of opening a county for him. The strength of both parties was about equal in the House, so that each by-election was fought with desperate energy. It was this consideration, no doubt, that deterred Mr. Angers from acceding to his friends' wishes.

However, the party never lost sight of him. He was invited to stand for Montmorency in the Federal House, the seat having become vacant in 1880. The electors of this country, anxious to retrieve their error in withdrawing their support from him in 1878, returned him by majority of 400 over his opponent, Mr. de Saint-Georges, despite the desperate efforts made to defeat him by the whole forces of the Liberal party. Unfortunately, he was destined to grace his seat in the Commons but for a very short period. He took part in several debates, which confirmed his reputation for eloquence and statesmanship. But he had already begun to tire of the worry of political strife, when the sad death of his wife determined him to seek an honourable retreat from the active scenes of public life. In 1880, he accepted a position on the Bench, and from that time till 1887 his days were consecrated to his domestic duties, to study and the discharge of his judicial functions in the district of Montmagny. Every moment that he could spare was given to books and the pursuits of literature, of which he was passionately fond.

Yet was he ever remembered in the world of politics; often was his name mentioned as that of a man whose services could not well be dispensed with. Thus, in 1887, the Lieutenant-Governorship of Quebec having become vacant, it was offered to him and accepted. The appointment was hailed with universal applause. The events that have followed his occupancy of Spencerwood are known to all. Until within a year ago, His Honour Lieutenant-Governor Angers acted strictly within his constitutional rights as head of the State. But the scandalous disclosures made in the summer of 1891, and the unequivocal expression of public opinion lifted in indignation forced him to take active measures at once. He found himself called upon to sacrifice the peace and quiet that he so coveted in the enjoyment and ease of his exalted position, and arm himself for a death struggle with a Premier power-