



LOUIS JOSEPH PAPINEAU
A Great Canadian Orator

Papineau was born in Montreal in the month of October in that year of years, 1789. Reality may be willing to suffer an eclipse for a time while Romance indulges itself in the pastime of seeking an explanation of the stormy career of the Lower Canadian tribune in the fact that he was born in the very year in which the mighty French Revolution had its terrible,

yet inevitable, inauguration. His early years were without momentous incident. There were, no doubt, those who looked at the rather attractive boy with eyes that shone with the tenderness of affection or perhaps with the spirit of prophecy, and discerned in the trifling achievements of his youth events which unfalteringly foretold the shining laurels and the