

His duties as an explorer in the forest regions soon rendered him an expert bush-ranger and canoeman, while his experience at sea had taught him to handle sail-boats well. The freedom of the woods and waters of the west had a great fascination for Murray, and I have often heard him say how much he preferred life in the bush to that in Canadian civilization.

He took little interest in the public affairs of Canada, but in British politics he was a most pronounced Tory. Without being a tuft-hunter, he had a great admiration for the Scotch and English aristocracy, and attributed to their influence, more than to anything else, the prestige which the nation has won, not only in arms but in all the arts and sciences which flourish in Great Britain.

In matters of belief Mr. Murray was a Protestant, and although not much known in "religious circles," he led a straightforward life and had a cordial detestation of every kind of cant and hypocrisy. Although very outspoken and sometimes not over choice in the language he used in the society of men, among women he was gentle, affable and delightfully polished in manner and conversation. He was fond of children, kind to the poor, and in cases of sickness or misfortune was considerate, generous and sympathetic.

Socially, Mr. Murray was always in great demand during his sojourn both in Canada and Newfoundland, although he was not very fond of "going out" in society. When he and Sir William Logan were present in any social assembly they always formed the centre of attraction and charmed the company with their entertaining stories, jokes, or general conversation, and occasionally by a song. These were cheerful days in the Survey offices in Montreal. Every now and then the pleasant voice of Logan or Murray might be heard echoing through the rooms, and the dull, quiet work over maps, rocks and fossils, was relieved by many a hearty laugh. A visit to the museum was a treat to strangers if they should be fortunate enough to be escorted through it by either of these men.