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The late Hon. Thomas D'Arcy McGee.

The painful task devolves upon us of recording, in the columns of the *Journal*, the melancholy death of the late Hon. T. D. McGee, whose distinguished talents and wise statesmanship had contributed so largely towards building up and consolidating the new Dominion. So much has already been said, through the universal press of the Dominion and by a large number of influential Journals of the neighbouring Republic, as well as by his political friends and opponents in the House of Commons, Ottawa; on the great loss the country has sustained in the death of Mr. McGee, and of the utter execration in which the manner of that death is held, that there remains but for us to say, that it is with heartfelt sorrow we deplore his loss to the literature of the country. We have reason to know that he intended very soon, to give his undivided attention to literature. What a loss to it has been 'his taking off!'

We regret we are unable to give, in this number of the *Journal*, such a biographical sketch of the late deceased as we could have wished to appear in our columns. There are materials in abundance for a volume much less a



*Yours always
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sketch, but our desire, as an Educational Journal, was to write it from a literary standpoint which we are unable to do at the present moment, and do it anything like justice. We may remark, however, that Mr. McGee, general opinion to the contrary notwithstanding, bestowed immense labour and care in the preparation of all his articles, speeches and addresses, hence we may conclude his great success whether as an orator or a writer. We avail ourselves of such material as we find at hand, particularly—*Sketch of Mr. McGee's Life*, by Fennings Taylor, to give a short memoir of the deceased statesman.

Thomas D'Arcy McGee was born the 13th April, 1825 (consequently at the time of his death wanted six days of having completed his forty-third year), in Carlingford, Co. Louth, Ireland. He was the second son of the late Mr. James McGee, descended from a good old Ulster family, and his late wife Miss Dorcas Morgan, from whom he, like most great men, inherited his talent.

When the subject of our sketch was about five years old, his parents at the instance of his mother removed to Wex-

ford to obtain for her son the advantages of a liberal education. Of his parents Mr. McGee was accustomed to speak with