

Castell Hopkins would term it. He remarked to an intimate friend at the time: "I have everything to lose from a worldly standpoint by the step I am about to take." Subsequent events testified to the accuracy of this prevision.

A passage in the *Life* concerning Mr. Dalton McCarthy is sufficiently definite, when many of McCarthy's recent statements before public meetings are recalled to mind. When Sir John Macdonald died, among the names suggested for the premiership were Sir Charles Tupper, Mr. Meredith, and Mr. McCarthy. Regarding the latter the author says:—

"The Equal Rights leader had one interview with Sir John Thompson during the crisis. Any political significance was denied at the time, but it is now understood that Mr. McCarthy took the opportunity to point out his claims to the premiership and to make suggestions, the details of which will probably never be known. Sir John was very non-committal in the matter, and a little

later on when the Governor General discussed the formation of a cabinet with him, and he felt obliged to decline the honor, it was Senator Abbott whom he recommended to His Excellency."

So Mr. McCarthy tried to have himself elected Premier, and failed. The author does not say it, but the fact remains that Sir John Thompson was then passed by on account of his religion, and Sir John Abbott chosen.

This *Life* is no life in the proper meaning of the term. But within the limits pointed out it has interest. Many of its statements concerning recent political matters are outspoken. They will come as startling revelations to many of us who cannot peep behind the scenes, and who depend for our political knowledge on our party organ, thus never receiving more than one side of a question and seldom the whole even of that.



THE YANKEES.

They love their land because it is their own,
And scorn to give aught other reason why.
A stubborn race, fearing and flattering none.
Such are they nurtured, such they live and die,
All—but a few apostates, who are meddling
With merchandise, pounds, shillings, pence, and peddling.

—FITZ-GREENE HALLECK.

