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settled opinions and conservative sentiment of the province. His labour legislation was progressive, but never revolutionary. His legal reforms were carried out with the sympathetic co-operation of the profession. He called able colleagues to his side. He demanded clean and efficient administration. He was the absolute master of his political household. He was not an orator; in fact, he was not even a good platform speaker. But he was a strong and convincing debater in the Assembly, and no question of policy or legislation was ever quite exhausted until he had spoken. He had a complete mastery of the business of the Legislature. He had an intimate acquaintance with the details of every question discussed, and of every measure submitted to the Assembly, and was seldom forced to retreat from any position he had once deliberately occupied. In Parliament, as in private life, he was gracious and courtly in demeanour, apt in compliment and in retort, and scrupulously faithful in the observance of compacts with his opponents.

His standard of personal conduct was high. His was essentially a religious temperament. He was old-fashioned in his ideals of living. He gave dignity and character to public life, and maintained a rare integrity through all the vicissitudes and exigencies of his long and fruitful public career. And as he passed to his rest in the serene atmosphere which sur-