

nounced himself as a supporter of the Conservative Government. The ministry went out of power on the 5th of November of the same year. Mr. Ouimet was re-elected by acclamation at the general elections of 1874, 1878 and 1882. In 1887 he defeated Mr. Adolphe Ouimet by 527 votes, and Dr. Ladouceur in 1891. This time he had a majority of 534 votes. Mr. Ouimet speaks often in the House, and his utterances, clear-cut, vigorous and of vibrant quality, are respected by his adversaries and applauded by his friends.

From 1887 to 1891, the Hon. Mr. Ouimet was Speaker of the House of Commons. It affords me great pleasure to know that I was instrumental in contributing to that well-deserved promotion. I was at that time in editorial charge of *Le Canadien*, and was directed by the Conservative party to bring the name of Mr. Ouimet before the public.

On the 6th of April, 1887, I wrote as follows :

" We shall this year have a French Speaker in the House of Commons. Popular rumor marks out Lt.-Col. Ouimet as the man. We should be pleased to see it confirmed.

" An eminent lawyer, able speaker and erudite scholar, the selection of Mr. Ouimet will reflect credit on us as a race.

" His parliamentary experience is acknowledged by all his colleagues, and we can only congratulate the Government on the choice that is proposed to be made."

Some time afterwards, Mr. Ouimet was unanimously elected to the Speaker's chair, and the House, with good reason, showed itself well satisfied with its choice.

Appointed Queen's Counsel in 1880, Mr. Ouimet became, on the 20th of May, 1891, one of Her Majesty's Privy Council. As a delicate attention on the part of Sir John A. Macdonald, this high distinction was announced to him on his birthday.

Mr. Ouimet has always had military tastes. In 1864, he left the School of Infantry with first-class diplomas, and, in 1869, he received those of the School of Artillery. 1870 saw him enter as Lieutenant the Montreal Chasseurs; some months afterwards, he passed as Captain to the 65th, and, in 1879, he became Lieutenant-Colonel of that regiment, which he commanded until 1889. He went out against the second Fenian Raid in 1870 as Captain, and, in 1885, he was ordered to the North-West. The facts of that deplorable insurrection are yet