

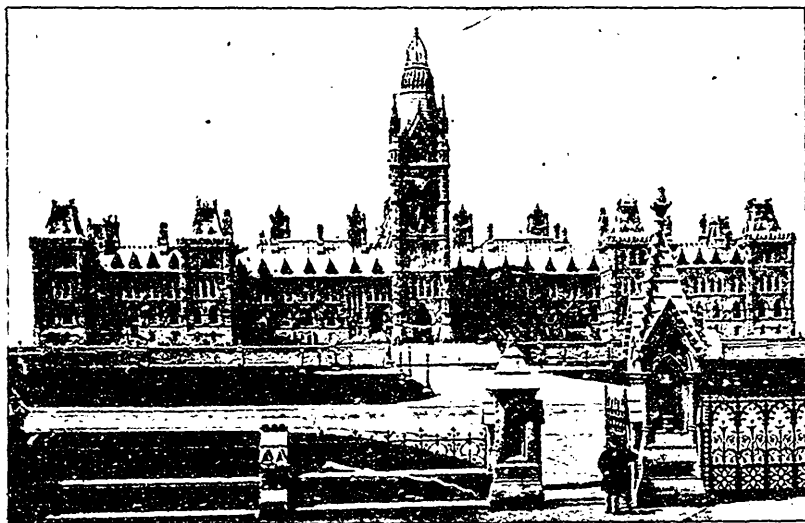
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CANADA DURING THE VICTORIAN ERA:

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PARLIAMENT HOUSE OF CANADA AT OTTAWA.

#### IV.

Every one who is at all conversant with Canadian political history for the past sixty years will recognize the fact that Canada owes much to men like Sir Louis Lafontaine, who successfully inaugurated responsible government after the union of 1841, and did a great deal to allay sectional jealousies and antagonisms. It was Sir George Cartier, a French Canadian statesman, who carried the province of Quebec with little or no friction into the federal union. In Mr. Pope's biography of Sir John Mac-

donald, which appeared some time ago, justice is done to the broad statesmanship and imperial conceptions of that great Canadian Premier whose name must be always associated with the political development of Canada since 1844; but, while we may commend the natural effort of a devoted private secretary to eulogise and emphasise the services of his chief, it is apparent that he has been too forgetful of the claims of Sir George Cartier, and of his followers from French Canada, to recognition. Canadians, at all events, know full well that, without the aid of his faithful friend