

been the man of iron will and firm purpose, and no colleague, no cause, however strong, could resist his dictum. Yet this firmness in essentials is associated with a kindliness of disposition and considerateness that is often displayed in his personal relations. Of the measures for which his government has been responsible it is impossible to write at any length here. One of the first was the settlement of the Manitoba school question by a compromise which has thus far stood the test of time. The preferential tariff with Great Britain was an important measure, adopted in 1897; the creation of the Department of Labour, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway scheme, and the North-West autonomy bills are measures of unusual scope which will be associated with his government.

He represented Canada at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 1897, and received a most flattering welcome in the old land. The honour of a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George was conferred on him and he was admitted a member of the Privy Council of Great Britain. The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge conferred honorary degrees on him, and the Cobden Club its famous "free trade" gold medal. On this occasion he visited France, and received at the hands of the President the appointment of a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour. During his visit to Britain at this time he obtained from the British government the denunciation of the commercial treaties between Britain and Belgium and Germany, so that the preferential tariff between Canada and Britain might operate without being extended to Belgium and Germany. On his return to Canada many public receptions were accorded to him and honours showered upon him, among them being the honorary degree of LL.D. from Toronto and Queen's Universities.

Sir Wilfrid, in 1868, married Miss Zoé Lafontaine, of Montreal, to whose "tact, judgment, and enthusiasm," he confesses he owes in no small measure the success which has crowned a life-long devotion to public duty.

THE HONOURABLE SIR CHARLES ALPHONSE PANTALÉON
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The subject of this review, the Honourable Sir Charles Alphonse Pantaléon Pelletier, is one of the most distinguished citizens in the ancient