

course, and in other ways, had opportunities of observing his deportment as a minister of the crown. For one thing, he had no love for barnacles, and he perfectly abominated red tape. He took an especial interest in the "juniors," and many a case of tyranny and injustice was frustrated through his presence at the treasury board. The writer has good cause to remember him with gratitude in this connection. One of his kindest acts, at this period, took the form of the presentation of a valuable piece of plate from the members of the cabinet to the venerable clerk of the privy council, the late Mr. W. H. Lee, on his retirement from official life. C.M.G.'s were not so plentifully bestowed then as they are to-day, or we may take it for granted that the kind-hearted minister would have secured such a mark of Her Majesty's regard for this old and faithful servant of the crown. In another case—that of the late Sir George Cartier's baronetcy—he did move and with due effect, as Sir Edwin Watkin records in his interesting volume of "Recollections." As a minister, and also while still in the ranks, Dr. Tupper took the utmost pains with everything which he undertook. He left nothing to chance and but little for his private secretary to do which he could and should do him-