

at the time of his death. He was the son of the late Touissaint Peltier, Q.C., a man who in his lifetime enjoyed the confidence of the public as an advocate of learning and ability, and of scrupulous probity. At an early age Hector, his son, was sent to the college at Nicolet, where he commenced his studies in general education. Subsequently he returned to his home, and attended as a day scholar at the College of Montreal. In 1838 his father, with the view of giving his son superior advantages, sent him to Paris to the College of Henri IV., where he spent two years in following the higher branches of a liberal education. Here he was remarkable for his perseverance, ability and punctuality, and the uniform gentleness and amiability of his disposition.

After completing his preliminary education, medicine became the profession of his choice, and he commenced with assiduity the prosecution of the study of this department of science. He entered as a pupil at L'Ecole de Medicine, Paris, and followed the courses in that faculty while attending the practice of the hospitals. In August, 1844, he repaired to London, and during the ensuing two months attended the practice of Guy's and St. Thomas' hospitals. The following October he proceeded to Edinburgh and entered as a student at the university in that city, where he graduated on the 1st of August, 1845,—and after having defended his inaugural thesis on "Stricture of the Urethra," he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. On leaving Edinburgh he again visited Paris, where he remained for a short time; and, after a visit to Dublin, he finally sailed from Liverpool for New York on the 30th of November, 1845, intending to return to his native country. After a passage of forty-nine days he landed in New York, whence he returned to Montreal.

In February, 1846, he received the license of the old Medical Board, which entitled him to practice his profession in Canada. It was about this time that we became personally acquainted with Dr. Peltier—an acquaintance which ripened into friendship of the most endearing character, and which never in any way abated. In 1848 Dr. Peltier, with a few other young men (of whom the late Sir G. Duncan Gibb, Bart.,