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INTERESTING GOSSIP FROM ONTARIO'S CAPITAL.

Sir George W. Ross at the Canadian Club—Senator Jaffray and Sir Mackenzie Bowell—The New Judge—Real Estate.

Sir George W. Ross does not often make public addresses now, but whenever he does he is sure of a large audience and capt attention. Nor does he ever disappoint expectations either in the matter of his addresses or the manner of his delivery, for he takes rank as one of the first, if not the very first, orator that this Province has produced.

The general esteem in which the former Premier is held was expressed on the occasion of his addressing the Canadian Club the other day by Mr. T. A. Russell, the presiding officer. It was not every one, he said, who could retire from high office to private life, and particularly to the Senate, and could retain such a grip on affairs and such influence with the public.

Sir George's subject was "The Panama Canal." He briefly traced its history and then referred at length to the various treaty obligations in connection therewith entered into by the United States, demonstrating clearly that up to the present year the United States, by the utterances of its public men and by unequivocal language in the most solemn treaties, has again and again declared that the Canal is to be open on equal terms to the subjects and citizens of all nations, and that there should be no discrimination against any. The action of the States now in seeking to exempt its own vessels from the terms of this treaty was inexplicable.

A Masterly Address.

Sir George's marshalling of the facts was masterly. It is the first time any Canadian of prominence has grappled with the issue in public, and Sir George did so fearlessly and forcefully. The address will, no doubt, furnish the cue for others. As to future action, Sir George advocated firm, vigorous protests from Parliament, second, an appeal to the Hague, and, lastly, if Uncle Sam refused to submit to the Hague, it was hinted that perhaps some form of retaliation might be made effective. Sir George said he was opposed to retaliation except as a last resort.

The occasion was one of the high spots in the Canadian Club history. The luncheon hall was filled to overflowing, and though Sir George "talked across the table," that is, from his seat, his voice carried to every part of the room and gave not the slightest indication of his seventy-one years or the thousand political battles he has braved.

Senator Jaffray of the Clubs.

Reside Sir George sat a brother Senator, Hon. Robert Jaffray, who as another member of the old guard, furnishes another example of the remarkable vitality of Canadian public men. Senator Jaffray is over 50 years old, but he is literally as lively as a cricket. Indeed, during the last ten years Senator Jaffray has been much more in the public eye than he was in earlier years. He takes the keenest personal interest in all public affairs, rarely missing any address at the Canadian Club, or elsewhere, for that matter, where any issue affecting Canada is under discussion. It is perhaps not generally known that Senator Jaffray is the one man more than any other who stands for the Globe newspaper, and whom that paper represents. His nominal connection with it is that of President of the company. There are, of course, other directors and shareholders and a number of editors, but the man who is the court of last appeal on any matter of detail or in matters of large general policy is the Senator. Formerly, his attachment to the Globe was much more slender than it is now. He had other business interests—he has been in business in Toronto for sixty years—and the Globe was but a side line

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with him. He was content to leave its conduct to editors and department heads. But in recent years it has become more and more the engrossing object of his life and not a day passes that he does not spend several hours in its various departments.

A Boy at Ninety Years.

But in point of years the grand old man of Ontario public life is Sir Mackenzie Bowell. At the time this is written he is lying in the Wellesley private hospital in this city recovering from the effects of a fall. His physicians have not noted any disquieting symptoms, but he is so old they are almost afraid to say he will get altogether well again. If he lives until December 27 next he will be ninety years old. When he met with his recent accident he was on his way home to Belleville from a trip to the Pacific Coast. And when he travels he asks for no special concessions in the way of luxury either. Though members of different political parties, Senator Jaffray and Sir Mackenzie Bowell are true cronies. A year or two ago together they accompanied a press party to New Ontario and electrified every one by the activity and energy they showed in going down mines and climbing through the darkness. Canadian politics will furnish no more striking romance than that of Sir Mackenzie, who rose from printer's devil to be Premier of Canada, quite equalling Lincoln's from log cabin to White House.

Mr. Justice Hodgins.

The appointment of Frank E. Hodgins to a judgeship in the Court of Appeal is regarded by Liberals and Conservatives alike as an excellent appointment. As a lawyer he has been devoted to his profession and, in addition to ability as a counsel, he is generally recognized as having that quality so requisite to his present position known as the judicial temperament. He is known to the public chiefly through his connection with various public inquiries, including the Ontario Government's License Investigation of five years ago, the New Ontario Bush Polla Investigation, the inquiry into over-classification on the Grand Trunk Pacific construction, in which he acted as counsel for his cousin, Mayor Hodgins, and more recently in the Dominion Government's investigation into the affairs of the defunct Farmers' Bank.

In personal appearance he is tall and slight, with keen features. He is a high-minded type of the one of the leading laymen in the Anglican Church in Canada. Altogether he may be expected to maintain the high reputation of the Bench in this country. He is a product of the city, where he was born and has spent his entire life, excepting for vacations, which he has frequently spent in the old land.

Some Critics Here.

Not so unanimous is the approval of the elevation to a judgeship of Mr. James Leitch, formerly of Cornwall. The criticism finds root in dissatisfaction with his record as Chairman of the Ontario Railway Board, where he came in close contact with the public by reason of the frequent clashes between corporations and municipalities, which had to be decided. However, that position was one of peculiar difficulty and it is not in quarters a lurking suspicion that his translation to a new sphere may have some connection with the criticism his administration of the Railway Board has caused to be directed against the Government, his known abilities as a lawyer may make his appointment to a judgeship a good one.

"Welcome, Little Sister."

Just when most people were reconciling themselves to indefinite delay in the matter of the annexation to the city of the town of North Toronto, owing to the stubborn opposition of a section of that municipality's citizens and threatened legal entanglements, along came a peremptory order of the Ontario Municipal Board and annexation is practically an accomplished fact. Thereby, Toronto gains at one stroke a population of 6,000 souls, and an area of 2,400 acres, including large tracts of vacant lands. The annexation opens the way for a more symmetrical development of the city's territory, for the new area is much nearer to the corner of King and Yonge streets than are the outlying eastern and western sections. It lies along Yonge street, up to the hill, and where it has not been spoiled by cemeteries or inferior buildings, lends itself to development as a high class residential district. Indeed, it may interest those who are inclined to take a "flyer" in Toronto suburban real estate to know that the probabilities are that North Toronto subdivisions are likely to be the next to be built up. After them will probably come Mr. Home Smith's Humber Valley property.

Real Estate Still Booms.

One hears constantly the prediction that the reaction in real estate must come soon. But as yet there is no sign of the break. Perhaps it is the fact that so many persons are suspicious of a break and are consequently cautious that is permitting the period of advancing prices to continue so long. The chief problem in connection with North Toronto's annexation will arise out of the street railway service. The town is served by the Metropolitan Railway branch of the York Radial, which is controlled by the Mackenzie interests, who also own the Toronto Street Railway, but it is a different gauge, so that interchange of cars is impossible. North Toronto passengers coming into the city have therefore to transfer and have also, as yet, to pay two fares. Needless to say, the railway people will keep on making them pay two fares as long as they can.

A Sunday Car Agitation.

The Metropolitan cannot run cars on Sunday, so that that section of the city is going to remain "dead" on that day unless and until a special Act of the Legislature is passed, changing the present law. It is expected that this will not be accomplished without opposition, though there are few people in Toronto now who do not use the street cars on Sunday, no matter how much they were opposed to them when they were inaugurated.

In England and Wales there are forty special schools for the blind, fifty-one for deaf, and two hundred and forty-five for defective children.

About twenty-two thousand people are annually killed by snakes in India.

"Rascal" was a term originally applied in England to a lean and worthless deer.

VALUABLES IN GARBAGE.

Small Fortunes Gathered In by Collectors in London.

"London's ash barrels and garbage receptacles contain small fortunes in valuables every week," says an official of the London (England) County Council's destructor works at Fulham. "During the week-end enquiries have been made at the Council offices about a gold penknife, a diamond ring and a valuable cut-glass decanter, which are all supposed to have found their way into the garbage boxes of houses in the West End."

"Many of the curios and valuable finds are never enquired for and are only preserved because of the watchful eye of the refuse collector. The sorters come across queer finds at times, although the West End ash rakers often appropriate the valuables before our collectors arrive."

"I heard some time ago of one of these persons who found a chate-laine bag in which were a set of false teeth, a purse with ten sovereigns and a cheque book. As the latter was no use he returned it and received a reward."

At the Fulham destructor works there is a room set apart for the valuable articles found among the house refuse of London.

A WONDERFUL CASE.

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Bennet Burleigh says that the Bulgarian cheer sounds very much like an English "hurrah," except that English people usually pronounce it "hurrah." Mr. Burleigh is not mistaken. The Bulgarian cheer is "Oorrah," with no initial "H" and with an indefinite prolongation of the "ah." The Russian cheer is the same. It is the Slav variety of the Teutonic "Hurrah," used not only by the English but also by the Germans, Swedes, Danes and others. But its use is wider and more frequent in the Slav than in the Teutonic countries.

Even in German "three cheers for the Kaiser" means not three hurrahs, but three times "Hoch!" (literally "High"). In Russia or Bulgaria "three cheers for the Czar" means three times "Oorrah!" The Servian cheer is different. They usually shout "Zhvio!" which is the equivalent of the French "Vive!" the Italian "Viva!" and the Hungarian "Eljen!"

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