

DUELING IN OLD TORONTO.

Reminiscences of Former Times in Canada—Where a Migrant Fell—Attorney-General White's Duel With Small.

There may be living to-day Toronto people who recall the time when dueling was not uncommon in this country, and even in this city, says The Toronto Mail and Empire. Dr. Scadding, in "Toronto of Old," has occasion to mention and deplore the practice. He quotes Mandeville, whose defence of dueling is supposed to have had considerable influence in the earlier days, as follows:—"Without it there would be no living in a populous nation. It is the tie of society, and though we are beholden to our frailties for the chief ingredient of it, there has been no virtue, at least that I am acquainted with, which has proved half so instrumental to the civilizing of mankind, who in great societies would soon degenerate into cruel villains and treacherous slaves, were honor to be removed from among them."

The reader will observe that the gentle Mandeville considers "honor" and "dueling" as synonymous terms. On the west side of Yonge street, near Grosvenor, there was a vacant field, with trees sheltering it on three sides. An old Dutch barn stood near the centre, and to the north of this a fine piece of sward. On this spot the young life of a son of Surveyor-General Ridout was offered up one fine morning in 1817. Samuel Jarvis stood with a smoking pistol in his hand, and the July sun beat down on the dead boy. Apparently no official cognizance was taken of the affair for ten years, and then Jarvis was found "not guilty." It is probable that he never would have been tried but for the fact that Francis Collins, of the Canadian Freeman, published the story of the meeting in his paper, and made charges against Jarvis, who had been instrumental in having the editor jailed for slander.

Dr. Scadding also mentions a duel which took place on January 3rd, 1800, at a place known as The Park, situated near the foot of Parliament street. There John Small, clerk of the Crown, and Attorney-General White faced each other with pistols, and the latter fell, mortally wounded. The men were prominent in Upper Canada, and more than that, they were warm personal friends. They located side by side in the Park, and then some trivial difference, perhaps, ended their long friendship and the life of one of them. The victim was buried under a summer-house on his own property, according to his dying request, and seventy-one years later his remains were disinterred by laborers digging for sand. They were removed, and now lie in St. James' Cemetery. Small was indicted and acquitted. The historian of Toronto further notes a quarrel between two men, Joseph and Charles Willcocks, who belonged to different families. They arranged a meeting, but Charles alone turned up. He waited some time for Joseph, and then chipped a piece of bark from a tree, and, standing at a distance, put a bullet in the spot. "Oh, Joe, Joe," he exclaimed, passionately, "if you had only been here!" Wherever Joe was, at the moment, it seems certain that he was better off.

A Legal Gladiator.

When the Irish party came to appoint a committee to draft their amendments to the Land Bill they had plenty of trained legal talent to draw upon. Of the twelve members of the committee six are lawyers. Mr. John Redmond himself is a barrister, and had a fine and most promising practice in Ireland when he abandoned the law for politics. Mr. Edward Blake is a K.C. of the Canadian bar, and was Minister of Justice in the Dominion. His legal position is recognized in two hemispheres.—London (Eng.) News.

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SPEECH MAKING.

English Statesmen Largely Write Theirs and Commit to Memory—Ours Are Plotted But Not Written.

Lord Rosebery is not known to fame as a very methodical man, and so it was with no great amazement that the English people heard the latest tale about him. It is, that after preparing a speech that was to electrify the country, the former Premier departed for Plymouth, where the speaking was to take place, without his notes. Consequently he had to make an extempore address, and very ordinary stuff it was. It is evident that Lord Rosebery is one of those gentlemen who require "studied impromptu." Disraeli, they say, used to con over his speeches until he had virtually memorized them. His epigrams were not drawn forth by the spur of the occasion. Beaconsfield is reported to have confessed that he had the biting sentences ready for pretty nearly any occasion. And the facts about his system of keeping these smart sayings on tap, so to speak, never became public property until after the death of the great man. John Bright, it is said, did not memorize his speeches, but trusted to what he called his "islands." The "islands" were central ideas for a speech. From one to the other in succession it was Bright's plan to "swim," as he put it. The great tribune of the people was not one of the kind who would memorize a speech. He had plenty of things to spend his time on, and would never have consented to the drudgery of memorization.

Here in Canada we have few public men who will waste precious hours in getting a speech off by heart. Sir Wilfrid Laurier never prepares a speech in the sense of getting it structurally complete, let alone memorizing it. His notes do not often take up more than one side of note-paper, or the back of an envelope. Of course, if authorities have to be quoted, the books are used. But the argument comes largely to Sir Wilfrid's mind as he progresses through his speech. Before he makes it the plan is plotted, but there is never any attempt to go any farther than the skeleton of the address. If the Prime Minister had to trust to his memory for those periods which so often have electrified the land, he would go out of public life. He has said so himself. Sir Wilfrid has many good qualities, but he has not the patience which allows other and perhaps smaller men to get by note page after page of matter. Perhaps the most laborious preparer of speeches that Canadian politics ever knew was the late Mr. Justice Mills.

When in the House of Commons, Mr. Mills was known as one of the most gentle of its members, and also as one of the most voluminous of its debaters. When Mr. Mills had to participate in a "full dress debate," as they call it in England, the desk in front of him was piled high with books, manuscript, pamphlet, and all kinds of paraphernalia. The then member for Bothwell was not the man to allow the most minute point to escape him, and he was a terror to the Hansard men with his unusual phrases and recondite references. Sir John Macdonald was not in the habit of paying compliments to the Liberals, but he is said to have remarked that if Mr. Mills should decide that there were two "e's" in "the," he would be inclined to believe him off-hand. The member from Bothwell was always pretty accurate in his references. On the Supreme Court bench sits Mr. Louis Davies, who is, by way of being, the direct antithesis of his brother judge. If ever there was a more slap-dash debater than Mr. Justice Davies was, he was not detected at Ottawa when the judge was a member of Parliament. When there was campaigning to be done, there was seldom to be found in Canada a more effective man on the stump than the Liberal leader from Prince Edward Island. Audiences which were cold and unresponsive to other men's efforts, awoke suddenly when Davies commenced to speak. His taking personality and his fine appearance made him one of the Liberals' strongest cards when it came down to a case of campaigning. But in the House of Commons it was different. There Sir Louis also made excellent speeches, but he did not always take the time necessary to verify his facts. His efforts were undeniably able, but they were hardly so full of reliable statements as those of Mr. Justice Mills. It must not be understood that Sir Louis went in for misstatements, for he did not. But he was not always a systematic worker, that was all.

Sir Richard Cartwright's speeches give evidence of careful preparation, although the Minister of Trade and Commerce has been known to make excellent impromptu efforts. The consideration that always strikes one on hearing Sir Richard's speeches is that the Minister has so much material to use that he must put his facts through a winnowing process before presenting them to the public. That is about the case, too. Sir Richard's tremendous intellect has at its disposal such a tremendous array of information that the difficulty with him must be, not what to say, but what to leave unsaid. And yet the old gentleman is not nearly so prolific as many men who have not one tithe of the information which he owns. Most of his speeches are very short. They are shorter than they used to be, for the gout has laid Sir Richard's left leg under tribute, and it is really painful for him to stand for any time.—Day by Day, in Toronto News.

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Oh! that was a family matter; the lawyer could not go into details of that kind. The agent reasoned with his man, explained that it was the invariable custom to ask such questions, and that an answer was absolutely necessary before being insured. "Well," said the legal man at last, "he committed suicide." The mother's death caused the same trouble, but after a great deal of talking—"She died of a cancer." Then an uncle met a melancholy end in consumption, and an aunt threw off this mortal coil in a fit of raging insanity. One by one the lawyer killed off his nearest and dearest relations by violent deaths and horrible diseases. The insurance man gathered up his papers with an apology and thoughtfully departed.

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