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SIR OLIVER MOWAT DEAD

Sir Oliver Mowat, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, and the man so long known by the people of the Province as "The Little Premier," passed peacefully away at the Government House, Ottawa, on Sunday last, at the age of 83 years, surrounded by his family and immediate relatives. To all Canadians—of whatever political faith—the news that the venerable statesman had passed away, caused genuine regret. No other man in public life with the single exception of Sir John A. Macdonald, ever had a firmer hold on the affection of the people of this province, and the future historian must portray him as one of the greatest figures in national life. Liberals looked up to him and honored him as an invincible leader who so often led them to victory, and who, amid the temptations and snares of public life and high office, always kept his hands free from stain. Conservatives, while they felt for him an admiration which is due a gallant fighter regarded him as one of themselves, because his sterling, unswerving loyalty to British connection and his devotion to Canada run so straightly parallel with their own principles. Elevated by his exalted position above party strife, he was not a Liberal, not a Conservative, but a Canadian well worthy the affection and respect of his fellow countrymen. Speaking of Sir Oliver's demise, the Toronto News editorially says:

A remarkable career has closed in the death of Sir Oliver Mowat. For nearly half a century he had a conspicuous place in the public life of the country. In its unbroken success his career has no parallel in British history. He had office under the old regime. He was an influential voice in the making of Confederated Canada. He sat upon the bench in the early days of the union. He administered the affairs of the chief Province of Confederation for nearly a quarter of a century. He carried his Government triumphantly through five

successive general elections. He held throughout all that period the undivided allegiance of his party, and commanded as well the sympathy and support of an influential wing of Conservatives. He withdrew at last to become Minister of Justice at the Federal capital, and thence returned when four score years had settled upon his head to the familiar surroundings of his vigorous manhood, and as Governor of his native Province maintained until his life's end his active connection with public affairs. He goes to his grave honored by Canadians of all parties, classes and creeds, and he leaves a record of service and achievements as fragrant and as honorable as any that Canadians are permitted to cherish.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered Brockville \$15,000 towards a public library.

The Toronto Board of Control has decided to give an extra grant of \$12,000 towards the Industrial Exhibition.

Owing to the increased traffic on the C. P. R. a daily steamship service will soon be established between Owen Sound and Fort William.

The flagship of the Spanish Admiral was sunk by the United States fleet in Manila Bay, and when it was raised a few days ago the skeletons of about eighty of the crew were found in her. There are several holes in the hull, one eight inches wide. This case illustrates in a small way what may happen in any naval battle. A shell or torpedo may send the greatest battleship to the bottom so quickly that hundreds of men may be drowned like rats in a trap. The old wooden vessels of former times might be battered very severely without sinking, but from the doom that awaits them there is no escape for the crew of a modern man-of-war.

A resident of Canada writes to The Saturday Review, alleging that the Dominion Government "are not loyal." There never has been a Canadian government that was not loyal. There are some few amiable persons who are so loyal that they would, if they could, substitute pounds, shillings and pence for the decimal system of currency, but these are not many. There is the best kind of loyalty in Canada, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier possesses a full share

of it. He has explained his position many a time, and it is safe to say, that in this respect his views are the views of the vast majority of Canadians.

In one day last week 2,000 settlers passed through St. Paul en route to the North West, and 70 car loads of settlers' effects left Wheaton, Minn., in one week for the same destination. Some of the young Englishmen who "want to learn farming" are these, too. One of these was placed on a farm the other day, but a few days later turned up at the immigration office, asking for a fresh place. On being asked for an explanation of his reasons for jumping his job, he said: "That man (the farmer with whom he had engaged) awakened me before day," returned the Englishman, excitedly. "E awakened me from my slumbers before day, and 'e took me to the barn with a lamp, and 'e asked me to lead a blawsted bull to water in the dawk."

The present influx of settlers into the Canadian West is the most gratifying object that has taken place in the whole history of Canada. It became evident to the present generation of Canadians that all we lacked was population. We have all the other necessary requirements to make a great nation. For a time it seemed as though the immigration department was making a sorry list of it, in the class of immigrants that were coming in, but the past two years has been a great improvement. The Donkhorobers were a disappointment, not only in the class, but in all the requisites that make "up good citizenship. It will take number of generations before they can be brought up to the standard of good Canadianism. They may fill a want in some respects, as they are good laborers, and when distributed among the many thousands that are crowding into the West the Donkhorob mistake is hardly noticeable.

Port Arthur is now being infested with thieves as a result of the influx of men from the logging camps. The men have, however, up to Saturday night contented themselves with operating amongst their own members. On Saturday two arrests were made by the police, the men being charged with helping themselves to some of the surplus coin of their companions. One fellow had in his possession when arrested one of the two twenty-dollar bills he was accused of stealing; and the other, although he had separated himself from all the cash he was alleged to have obtained, still had the bank book and other articles belonging to his companion. These two men have already received their sentence. Saturday evening the first breach outside of the lumbermen occurred, when a young man tried to steal a purse from a lady while she was walking along Cumberland street, in the vicinity of the Western hotel. Fortunately the purse was securely fastened to the woman's waist. In pulling the purse the thief so alarmed the woman that she turned around quickly, striking the man a blow on the chin and knocking him off the sidewalk into the ditch. He picked himself up and made his escape. With the town full of tough characters the police will be kept on the alert for a few weeks. Loitering on the corners at this season of the year should be prohibited.

COMMUNICATION.

Editor STANDARD. Dear Sir,—Kindly permit me space sufficient in which to say a few words of acknowledgment to the congregation of New England church and vicinity. Last Easter Sabbath morning the congregation, through our esteemed pastor Bro. Chaudler, as a token of their appreciation of my services, as choir leader, presented me with a valuable and beautiful gold watch. Being completely surprised and overcome I failed to make a reply to his touching and sympathetic address. I should like the people to know their seeds of kindness have not fallen on barren ground, and that I shall cherish the gift till "Time shall be no more." In taking a retrospective view of the last thirty years I find them to have been years of pleasure. Some who have helped to make "His praise beyond to receive their reward while others have moved to other neighborhoods. It is with the deepest affection I remember all those who have labored with me in the service of song in the past and present. The gift also reminds me that time is rapidly passing away and soon our work here will be over. The shadows are lengthening and our sun will soon set in the night-time of Death. May we all meet again in the eternal sunlight of God's unending love to sing before the "Great White Throne" the praise of Him who has redeemed us with His blood; "Where congregations ne'er break up, And Sabbaths have no end." Yours fraternally, Fred Birch.

Wodehouse, April 20, 1903.

F. T. HILL & CO.

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EUPHRASIA COUNCIL.

The Council met at the Township hall Rocklyn, on Wednesday the 18th inst., all the members present, the report of the Council read and confirmed. Pringle—Kenny—That Wm. Pringle and the reeve be a committee to investigate the grievance of Wm. Hill re claims for damages caused to his land by water, as said water was diverted out of its original course.—Carried. Patton—Richardson—That the reeve and clerk be a committee to go over the roll.—Carried. Pringle—Kenny—That the treasurer accept from Wm. Pringle the sum of \$1.25, the amount being drawn for repairing culvert, said work not being performed.—Carried. Richardson—Patton—That this council grant the sum of \$5.00 for the relief of John Heathors, the same to be placed in the hands of James Brown. Richardson—Pringle—That in view of the unfavorable report of the auditing committee, be it resolved that this council ask for the services of the Provincial Auditor, and that the clerk be instructed to correspond with him at once.—Carried. Patton—Kenny—Whereas an effort is being made by the neighboring municipalities to impress upon the Government to subsidize the proposed railway now chartered to run from Port Burwell to a point on the Georgian Bay, through this township, be it resolved that this council co-operate by appointing the reeve to accompany the delegation to Ottawa.—Carried. The following accounts were ordered to be paid: Wm. Bradner, for moving driftwood from river bridge, 50c.; Wm. Davin, for removing driftwood from river bridge, \$1.00; Wm. Williamson, for filling hole on 24th, considerable, 50c.; J. R. Pawley, for furnishing lumber and repairing bridge, \$7.81; Wm. Goodfellow, for work on townline east, \$2.25; N. L. ... quarter salary and postage, \$3.00; James Brown, for relief of J. Heathors, \$5.00; Miss Curry, for relief of Mrs. Isaac, \$8.00. The following gentlemen were appointed pathmasters, to look after the fences, viz: J. R. Bradings, John Italy, Wm. McCullin, Chas. Clarke, Isaac May, Jas. McKnight, Jas. White, Richard Carefoot, W. C. Kerr, Rola Thoms, Oliver Irwin, Wm. Lewis, Jas. Peter, Mackenzie, Thos. Black, Wm. Kerr, J. A. Vickers, Jas. McMoran, Andrew, Peter Elford, Richard Wm Quinn, Ed. Harphotte, F. H. Irwin, Henry Wallace, Wm. Davin, Proctor, G. Brown, H. White, T. J. Smith, W. Ellis, T. Cornach, H. H. Reid, M. Hutchinson, W. Chalmers, Camosund, W. Gilmore, A. V. Stuart, W. S. Bishop, B. Smith, W. H. Knott, W. J. Gaultier, W. W. McColmell, A. Taylor, R. W. H. Gouler, J. Ward, G. McColmell, M. Lawlett, P. Harris, J. Walker, Morwood, J. Knott, G. H. Devitt, T. Perry, J. Gardner, S. G. J. Dunlop, J. Loughheed, J. Brown, Patton, R. Reid, H. W. S. Bishop, W. Irwin, R. Neely, R. Johnson, Knott, Jas. Boyd, J. A. Boyd, W. M. Davis, C. E. Clarke, W. S. Wilson, J. Carney, W. S. Bradings, B. Jones, J. Taylor, E. Bradings, James J. Leonard, G. Merrylee, Richardson, Robt. Johnston, Patton, R. McLean, J. T. Patterson, Knight, W. S. Bishop, H. Wells, A. Knott, W. H. May, J. Brown, Walker, W. Myron, J. Lyons, F. W. W. J. Hawkey, P. Saitta, R. W. Mison, J. Shepherdson, H. Reid, Richardson, R. Elliott, H. McColmell, J. Leonard, W. King, A. Boyd.

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