

HAS HABIT OF WINNING

"NED" MACDONALD OF PICTOU FROM A FAMOUS DISTRICT.

The Celebrated Scotch Presbyterian County In Nova Scotia That Has Exported So Many Notables, Is the Home of One of the Government's Most Astute Supporters and Defenders—Handled Big Cases.

They say that when E. M. Macdonald, M.P. for Pictou, was a member of the County Council, back in the early 'nineties, he used to win a division from the Conservatives, hand it to a Liberal to hold, and then go and win another and do the same thing.



E. M. MACDONALD, M.P. He attended Pictou Academy, which has turned out Sir William Dawson, Principal Grant, Principal Gordon, President Falconer. There are more Macdonalds in Pictou than anywhere else, and for the last fifty years the county has been represented constantly by either a Macdonald or a relative of one.

Macdonalds look to law and to politics with about equal equanimity. In Nova Scotia he has been connected with many important legal cases since he was called to the Bar in 1887. Seven years in the County Council and another seven in the Nova Scotia Legislature were good preparation for his coming to Ottawa in 1904. His work at Ottawa is not pleasant to his opponents, and in 1908 they sent up Mr. Tanner, leader of the Opposition in Nova Scotia, to oppose him, but in vain. Mr. Macdonald is one of the men the Ottawa Opposition are pleased to designate as "blockers." This refers to his work as an astute and ever-watchful defender of the Government in the public accounts committee. He is too good a lawyer to miss a chance to score on an opponent, and he is not troubled with bashfulness when the chance to speak comes. He is a forceful, fluent speaker, as was again shown in his smashing speech on the navy bill recently: a vigorous campaigner, a hard worker, and altogether one of the most able of the private members of the House.

Invented the Lifeboat. At this time of the year, when "peril on the sea" is of daily occurrence, it is interesting to know that the grave of Lionel Lukin, the inventor of the lifeboat, has not been allowed to fall into decay. This too often happens when a man's services to his nation are forgotten, although the good he brought about is still evident. The grave lies in the churchyard of St. Leonard's Parish Church, Hythe, some three miles from busy Folkestone. The simple story of the inventor's life is told on the tombstone as follows:

"In this grave is interred the body of Lionel Lukin, born at Dumpton, in Essex, the 13th of May, 1742. In 1767 he became a member of the Coach Makers' Company of London, and after sixty years of various successes in that business, settled at Hythe in 1824, with the humble hope that the same Divine Providence which had been his Guide and Protector during a long and checkered life would permit him to conclude it in ease and tranquility, and finally remove him to a better and eternal inheritance, through the merits and intercession of Christ Jesus, our Redeemer. Died the 16th of February, 1834."

The other side of the headstone reads thus: "This Lionel Lukin was the first who built a Lifeboat, and was the original inventor of that principle of safety by which many lives and much property have been preserved from shipwreck, and he obtained for it the King's Patent in the year 1785."

One of the three great eastern windows in the church is also in memory of the humane inventor. "Grand Old Man of Astronomy." Although he has been studying the stars for sixty years, and is now eighty-six years of age, Sir William Huggins, the "Grand Old Man of Astronomy," is still in harness. Every day he works for hours in his laboratory and afterwards in his study, "thinking and reading, reading and thinking," to quote his own words. "Life is work, and work is life," is Sir William's favorite saying. He ascribes his perfect health to his temperate habits—he is a non-smoker and almost an abstainer. Smoking, he says, is not beneficial to astronomers, and he tells a story of a German astronomer who, seeing a mysterious vapour reflected in his telescope, thought he had made a great discovery, until someone pointed out that it was simply the smoke curling up from the astronomer's favorite pipe.

GERMAN CUSTOMS LAW.

It May Not Always Be Expensive, but It Does Take Time. "If you travel in Germany you want to be careful to declare all dutiable goods at the border, even down to a toothpick," said a former attaché. "It may not save you much money, but it will save you vexatious delays."

"With a friend I came over from St. Petersburg by way of Stockholm to Kiel on our way to Berlin. I had bought in Russia half a dozen gunmetal holders for tea glasses, not worth over 15 cents apiece, and I had packed them in a Russian helmet. The latter had a spike on top of it."

"The customs officer at Kiel asked whether I had anything dutiable, and as the holders were of insignificant value I said 'No.' 'That did not satisfy him. He thrust his hand down into the bag roughly, and the first thing he came in contact with was the spike of the helmet. He jumped back, with a German oath, and then he reached down more cautiously, grabbed the spike and pulled the helmet up, the contents dropping out."

"Ah! 'So!' he exclaimed in triumph, transfixing me with a look. 'They he charged me with evading the law and with smuggling. He left us under guard, and there we stayed while we saw our train pull out. Finally the Herr Oberinspektor, in full uniform and with sword clanking, came along back with him. He pompously inquired who we were. We explained 'I believe you, gentlemen,' he replied after some questioning and considerable deliberation, 'but you are amenable to the law and will have to pay the duty and a fine equal to the amount of duty.' Then he hurried away to get the articles appraised. 'We felt we had got into a mixup. We counted over the German money we had between us, and it amounted to less than \$3. 'We had nothing besides but drafts on Berlin, and if the duty and fine amounted to much we were in for all sorts of trouble."

"Finally the Herr Oberinspektor came back with a bundle of papers in his hands. He informed us that we could be liberated upon the payment of 60 pfennigs, which is about 15 cents. For this we had lost 'three hours,'—New York Sun.

COSTLY ACCIDENTS.

A Lost Tin Mine and a Lead Mine's Bottomless Pit. Immense plans which seemed about to be completed, but have been brought to disastrous failure at the last moment, are frequent enough in the history of industry.

London Answers tells the story of a tin mine in England which might have yielded a fortune but for a storm. With the finding of a new vein of ore running out toward the sea a new level was driven out below the water, then it was found that the tide had crept upward too near the sea bottom for mining to be safely carried on. Undiscouraged, the owner borrowed money, built a sea-wall to cut off the water, erected pumps and again went to work.

On the sixth day, just as an enormous mass of rich ore was being tapped, a gale came up, a ship was blown upon the wall, which went to pieces at once, and the sea drove the heavy stones in upon the thin roof of the mine. In a moment the workings were hopelessly flooded and the owner was a ruined man.

A story equally tragic is told of the Speedwell lead mine in Derbyshire. Believing that a rich vein of ore existed in a nearby hill, the owner risked his entire capital to bore a tunnel 3,000 feet long into the heart of the mountain. Suddenly the mine's broke through a wall of rock into a vast hidden cavern, through which flowed a stream of water.

"They began to dump rock into the stream, and after 10,000 tons a bridge began to rise out of the darkness, and then their farther progress was stopped. Month after month they toiled, and at last, after 40,000 tons in all had been cast into the cavern, they gave it up."

"That narrow rift is known to this day as the Bottomless Pit. The Elements. Of the seventy-one elementary substances of earthly matter enumerated by chemists thirty-two are known certainly to exist in the air's atmosphere, ten or fifteen more can probably be traced there, and there are only six or eight as to which in the present state of our knowledge there is negative evidence that they are not present there. The elements whose presence is proved comprise many of those which are the most common in the composition of the earth, and the fact is particularly firmly established that matter is the same throughout all space, from the minutest atom to the most distant star.—New York American.

His Fair Mindedness. "Why do you insist on reading that newspaper? It always seems to offend you." "Because," answered Mr. Sirius Barker, "I believe in always looking at both sides of a question. I rely on that publication for arguments on the wrong side."—Washington Star.

In College. Freshman—Rah, rah, rah! Rah, rah, rah! Rah, rah, rah! Sophomore—Is that kid stowed? Senator—No; that's "Tea" Smith, so called because he's the pup that cheers, but does not incite.—Cleveland Leader.

Some persons do first, think afterward and repeat forever.—Secker.

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BOOKMAKING IS MADE LEGAL

Dominion Parliament Passes the Miller Anti-Gambling Bill in Greatly Amended Form.

SUMMARY OF BILL. The Miller Bill as adopted last Friday night, in the Dominion House of Commons is a tacit acknowledgement of the legality of bookmaking on race tracks. Bookmakers operations on the tracks in the ordinary way cannot be interfered with and may resume their old stands.

A jockey club may have races every day in the year but Sundays, but betting may take place on fourteen of those days only, seven in the fall and seven in the spring, except in the case of trotting associations when the fourteen days may be divided into meets of not more than three days each. The keeping of pool-rooms or handbooks is to be punishable by a term of one year's imprisonment, "and" a fine of one thousand dollars.

The old word "place" in the old criminal code has been altered and amplified so that there are no apparent loopholes of escape for the man who makes a handbook. This applies not only to horse racing, but almost all other common occasions of betting. Newspapers will not be able to publish tips or advertisements of betting. The penalty will be the same as for keeping a handbook.

Ottawa, April 16.—The Canadian Parliament here last night made professional book-making legal. It may be carried on for not more than fourteen days in the year, but the fact remains that the bookmaker is now legalized despite the disputes which for years have gone on in the police court of Toronto, and despite the fact that forty book-makers have been summoned to court at several Woodbine meetings in recent years.

The acknowledgement of this fact was made when the House last night passed the Miller anti-gambling bill, as amended, under an agreement between Mr. Miller and Mr. J. B. McColl, who represented the chief opposition to the bill. Together with the legalizing of the profession of the bookmaker and

the clearing up of that point of contention, the law specifically provides for the eradication of the hand-book. Betting in Canada in future must be either between man and man privately, or else with the professional, but the making of bets with keepers of handbooks on races in foreign places is carefully defined and heavily penalized.

TRAVERTON. About half of our farmers have finished grain seeding. R. Hastie sold his heavy team last week to Mr. F. Nesbitt at a fancy price. Mr. M. J. Davis is able to be around outside in the sunshine.

Mr. Dick Davis, smithy, was wedded on Tuesday last week in Bruce, Alta. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cook drove over to Egremont the first of the week to visit their daughter, Mrs. W. J. McFadden, in her new home. The lamb crop hereabouts is a prolific one. Despite his 84 years Mr. Richard Jack thinks it only play to walk out from Durham. He spent the last week among the old neighbors.

Miss Myrtle Hunt arrived home on Friday last from Detroit, and will help to lighten and brighten the old home this summer. Miss Allie Jackson was the guest of Miss Leila Oldham of Chatsworth for a few days last week. Mrs. John Gawley and Mrs. Edgar Wright were in Markdale last week. Miss Beth Williams is home on a visit from Owen Sound.

Miss C. Atkinson of Chatsworth visited her sister Mrs. Robert Irwin last week. Hamilton Bros. are building a fine brick office and when completed will be one of the best equipped in the country. Messrs Berlet are contractors. We are sorry to learn that Mr. Alex. Telford is ill with pneumonia. We trust that he has a speedy recovery. Mr. John Herbert of Chatsworth was in town Monday evening.

BEAVERDALE. Some of the people around here got quite a shock one evening last week. John Miller was blasting a large stone in front of his house. You would think the world was coming to an end. Mrs. Wm. Hodgkinson is back to her own home after spending the winter with her sons, Messrs Chas. & Wm. Hodgkinson.

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THE WEEKLY MAIL AND EMPIRE Mr. Ed. Rothergill has a pretty sick horse but under Mr. Rennie's care it will soon get better. Miss Jennie Wilson is engaged with Mrs. Wm. Clark for a while.

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