

Items of Interest
From Western Canada

SIR JOSEPH WARD

Started Life as a Messenger, Is Now
a Prime Minister"Cement of Empire" is a favorite
theme with the Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Ward, Prime Minister of New Zea-
land."Stick to it" has been Sir Joseph
Ward's motto in life.Irish by parentage, Sir Joseph first
saw the light in Australia; but he was
only a child when his parents moved to
Campbelltown, in the South Island of
New Zealand.Of his schooldays he said, in the
course of a chat:"They were brief, but happy. I was
educated at a private school first, and
next at a State school. I was out in
the world by the time I was twelve.
My education, however, continued long
after I had left school, for I attended
night schools and classes for some
years after I began work."The lad got his start in life as a
telegraph boy in the Postal and Tel-

holes, which the English call Home,

And as he played or sang, he talked
phrases; but in the music of the mas-
ters, and the words of love's great
poets, until Jim, hating his master,
made him recognize his master's

feet, which were fading very far away.

"What a fool I have been," thought
Jim. "I see it all now. Doves do no-
tice with hawks, and what possible
use is my brutal strength and wood
craft against this man's might?"Such skill as Jim had might have
made a ranch wife happy, might have
set his heart was never meant to
the stress of hard living.

(To be continued.)

ABLE MEMBERS
FOR PARLIAMENTHow Sir Richard Cartwright Would
Reform the Present System of
Representation"I desire to see in our halls of Par-
liament a larger proportion of the best
men in Canada engaged in the task of
governing and forwarding the pros-
perity of their native country," said
Sir Richard Cartwright, speaking inToronto. "But I am also obliged to
tell you that year by year and day by
day—and I think all public men of
experience will agree with me—the
difficulties of obtaining men of the
right sort are continually increasing
upon us. That is a great misfortune.That is a thing to be avoided. Now,
there is no doubt that while politics
is known to be a very engrossing mat-
ter, politics is not by any means a
money-making matter in the case of
any man who pursues it honestly and
for the good of their country at any
rate. And I have felt for long that it
was eminently desirable that we
should make the entrance into Parliament
easier for men of the right type,
even if we cannot entirely exclude
men of a very different description,
because gentlemen, just in proportion
as it is desirable and as it is difficult
to obtain trustworthy and capable
men, so, on the other hand, there are
now in Canada increasing temptations
to get gentlemen of the wrong sort,
which goes with the expenditure of
one hundred and fifty million dollars
a year. I do not want to see Canada
in the hands of professional politi-
cians. I have seen a considerable
number of them in my time, and I am
rather disposed to agree with Presi-
dent Roosevelt that they are about as
undesirable a class of citizens as it
is possible to imagine.""As matters stand, what is the pos-
ition? First of all, take an ordinary
constituency. A party who aspire to
represent Canada in Parliament is
called upon to undergo in the first
instance a laborious canvass with a
more or less—generally rather
than less—costly contest with a
very uncertain issue at the end of it.Then, if elected, he has to devote
one-half of the whole year to the ser-
vice of the country in Parliament. I
would ask you, in all common sense,
how it is possible or likely to be pos-
sible for men who have to travel 1,500,
or it may be 3,000, miles to Ottawa,
to attend to their Parliamentary du-
ties and at the same time exercise an
effective supervision over their own
business?—how is it possible for those
men, to continue to be members of
Parliament without a sacrifice which
is almost impossible for the greater
part of them to endure?"I desire, therefore, to see entry
into Parliament made easier for those
men, and I venture to say there is no
way in which that can be done so
easily and so safely as by adopting a
system of grouping, which will prac-
tically put at the disposal of the great
parties the gift of a very considerable
number of seats on either side. I am
perfectly aware that there are many
who will say that it is a flight of
imagination; there are many who will
say, 'We have heard of this, and we
think, on the whole, it would be a dan-
gerous experiment to trifle with our
long-time institution.' But they may
rest assured of this, that we are face
to face with very new conditions; a
situation in which it will not be pos-
sible for us to exact what we have
been exacting from the members of
Parliament and to hope to retain the
services of a class of men such as
you would desire to have there.""I commend these ideas to your
consideration. All I can say about
them further is this: that some of the
ablest men in England to my know-
ledge, and many of the ablest men
on the continent, are of my opinion,
and it is an opinion which I have not
entertained yesterday or the day be-
fore, but it is an opinion which has
had its turn at the ranges, the hit
the bull's-eye ten times in suc-
cession, a record unequalled by any
other man in camp." —Bruce Herald.GRAPH DEPARTMENT. Sir Joseph Ward
is not fond of talking about himself,
but, as illustrating how wages go in
New Zealand he delights to tell you
that his commencing salary was \$5 a
week, while as a fourteen-year-old
telegraph boy he was getting \$80 a
year!Leaving the telegraph service at
fourteen, he entered a big "store" or
shop. He remained there three years,
then became a railwayman, and soon
after his twenty-first birthday young
Ward started a successful export and
general business.About the same time that he be-
came his own "boss," Sir Joseph
Ward entered public life as a member
of the Campbelltown Borough Coun-
cil, and via the District Harbor Board
he soon found his way to the New Zealand
Parliament.Sir Joseph Ward has filled many
ministerial posts, but perhaps he is
best known for his work as Minister of
Defence, a position he still holds."Within twelve months from now,"
he said, "we shall have a citizen army
for home defence of 100,000 well-
armed, fully-trained men."The New Zealander is trained al-
most from the cradle to be able to de-
fend his country. From five to twelve
years of age he receives systematic
physical education and training. This
is continued from twelve to seventeen,
plus semi-military training. Then he
enters one or other branch of the New
Zealand forces, serving until he is
twenty-five, when he passes into the
reserve.Military service is compulsory for
all, and who better than the New Zealand
employee who dares to dock a man's
salary when he is away for his annual
training?"If Britain's safety depends on her
Navy, so, Sir Joseph says, does that
of her Overseas Dominions."

What the Old Man Says

The prevalence of perjury is a
matter of frequent comment on
the part of judges. A judge upon
the bench recently remarked upon
the astonishing amount of perjury
committed by witnesses and even
litigants in court, and yet des-
perately observed that it was diffi-
cult, if not impossible, to prevent
it. It is indeed deplorable
that perjury of this sort
should make the oath a farce and
any court proceedings a travesty.
In making the law shows
how serious a crime
it is, yet society
is committed with
little regard for it.
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SHELTER FOR FOWLS

It Will Soon Pay for Itself, in Good
ResultsDamp is probably the worst enemy
to fowls, but cold winds are a very
good rival. Fowls will not lay and
make progress when they have to face
these biting winds, and it would pay
the fancier who wishes for success to
provide shelter under these circum-
stances. As to the nature of this shel-
ter, it may consist of a dense hedge,
or a screen of canvas, or of a proper
shelter-shed. The latter is infinitely
better, and it will pay for itself in
the best, and it will pay for itself in
excellent results in a very short time.A very peculiar thing that you have
probably noticed is that fowls seldom
avail themselves of their roosting
place in the daytime, and the shelter-
shed I suggest is in no way like the
sleeping quarters. It may, indeed,
be rough-and-ready as one likes, so
long as it is wind-proof on three sides
and open to the south. If a perch or
two are provided, the birds will appre-
ciate the attention, whilst it is an
excellent plan to sit the household
ashes in the shelter-shed.Otter, mink, marten, fisher,
muskrat and all other game are to
day very numerous and the annual
increase is very great.The following are the principal fur-
bearing animals found in Canada:
Badger, bear, wildcat, fisher, fox
(silver, cross and red), Canada lynx,
marten, mink, muskrat, otter, raccoon,
skunk, weasel and ermine, wolf, we-
verine.

TO SPEND MILLIONS

Big Improvements to Be Made in St.
John HarborTenders have been called for the
department of public works for im-
portant works in the harbor of St.
John, N.B. These include the con-
struction of a dry dock of the first
class, suitable ship repair plants a
breakwater, targe shipping barks and
the dredging of Cormoray Bay. A
deposit of half a million dollars is to
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culture in New Brunswick is being
carried on this year.The oldest inhabitant, near
Ottawa, has died at the age of 106
years. He came over from Ire-
land when a young man.There are about 3,000 dog
St. John.As the result of being struc-
tured up and bit a horse
three times on the nose, the horse
is doing nicely. Dog was shot.Send in
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Can't Always Tell.

When Captain Klein took his
company to camp at Goderich for
the annual drill he took along a
full fledged private cross-eyed
chap from Mildmay. When the
chief medical officer caught sight
of him he requested the Captain
to send the man back on the
ground that cross-eyed felons
couldn't shoot. "Just wait and
see," said the Captain, and to the
astonishment of the medical officer,
when the cross-eyed private
had his turn at the ranges, he hit
the bull's-eye ten times in succession,
a record unequalled by any
other man in camp.

PROTON.

Miss Mabel McLean spent part
of last week with friends in Prince-
ville.Mrs. Syd. Rand, Ceylon, visited
Proton one day last week.Miss Ethel Consley, Dundalk,
Sundays under the parental roof.Mr. Robert Neilson is spending a
few days in Toronto this week.Misses Lizzie and Adeline Shafer,
Hanover, are visiting at Mr. L.
Becker's.Mr. Tom Whitten, Markdale,
Sunday at Mr. Chas. Lyons'.Mrs. H. Love, Ceylon, visited
her sister, Mrs. P. Consley, for a
few days last week.Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lyons visit-
ed friends in Flesherton Sunday.We extend our heartiest con-
gratulations to Miss May Carson
and Mr. Will Dingwall, who were
married on Wednesday, July 19th.We wish them a long and prosper-
ous married life.

STONE SETTLEMENT

Miss Gertie Burnside, of Mark-
dale, visited on Sunday at D.
Harrow's.Mr. and Mrs. J. Beatty, of Orange Valley, were visitors in
our burg on Sunday.Mr. Geo. V. Holman, of Grand
Rapids, Mich., visited his sister,
Mrs. H. Stone, for a couple of
days last week.Miss E. M. Small, of Berkeley,
visited her sister, Mrs. W. Hill, on
Sunday last.We are sorry to report Mr. R.F.
Purdy on the sick list but hope to
see him around again soon.Miss Gladys Hazard, of Rock
Mills, spent a few days of last
week visiting relatives here.Mr. H. Holman, of Portlaw,
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EUGENIA.

Growing crops have been greatly
benefited by the recent show
fall wheat is ready to harvest
some places it is a fine crop.
are getting well colored and
soon fit to cut. Early potato
suffered from the extreme hot
weather. At present the weather
is cool.Born July 21st, to Mr. and Mrs.
James Linton, a son.Mr. Woodburn has been
low for the past couple of weeks
with slight prospects of recovery
on account of old age. Mr. Jackson,
son of Philip Jackson, is visiting
Mr. Woodburn's.At present Eugenia is well
and is well received by visitors. The Eugenia
house was filled by visitors
Waterloo and Durham.Mrs. D. McTavish and her
friends are camping in the gat
at the Falls.Mrs. Robert Purvis and family
are enjoying life at their pleasant
health resort.Miss May Jamieson, of Plainfield,
New Jersey, is visiting Mr. Macmaster's, at Eugenia.For summer diarrhoea in children
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