

SAW RIEL SHOOT SCOTT

MOST PAINFUL EXPERIENCE IN STRATHCONA'S CAREER

Recounted by Himself Some Years Ago—Heated Remark Made About Him by Sir John A. Macdonald.

Montreal Gazette. The execution of Thomas Scott by orders of Louis Riel, while Donald A. Smith was near at hand, (and although the head of the powerful Hudson's Bay company he was practically a prisoner and absolutely helpless to bring any relief to the doomed man) was perhaps the most painful ordeal ever passed through by the late Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal.

Referring to this painful episode in Canadian history during one of his recent visits to Canada, His Lordship said he was sitting in his office a day or two after Riel had taken possession of Fort Garry with his half-breed escort, when a Church of England clergyman named Young came to him in a terrible state of excitement, saying that a man was to be shot down at the fort within an hour. A few minutes before this an Oblat Father had come in and after passing the time of day with the commissioner, went up stairs to another office. Thinking that the presence of the priest might have with Riel, Lord Strathcona in his own language said: "I ran up stairs two steps at a time though I could not do so to-day, and meeting the priest I said 'Do you know, sir, that a man is to be shot down at the fort?' When he replied he had heard of it I said 'and you did not mention it when you came in! Come down at once and see what we can do with Riel in the way of saving this man's life.'"

Lord Strathcona related that when they arrived and were ushered in Riel's presence the priest spoke in French, which Donald Smith understood, and said "Riel, is there no means of saving this man?" Riel replied, "Father, you know there is no means of saving him." "This is very interesting history," said the interviewer, and His Lordship replied: "Yes, but not to be published while I am alive."

Lord Strathcona also said he saw Scott move in his coffin after being shot and Riel finished him with a revolver in his own hand.

When the Government Fell

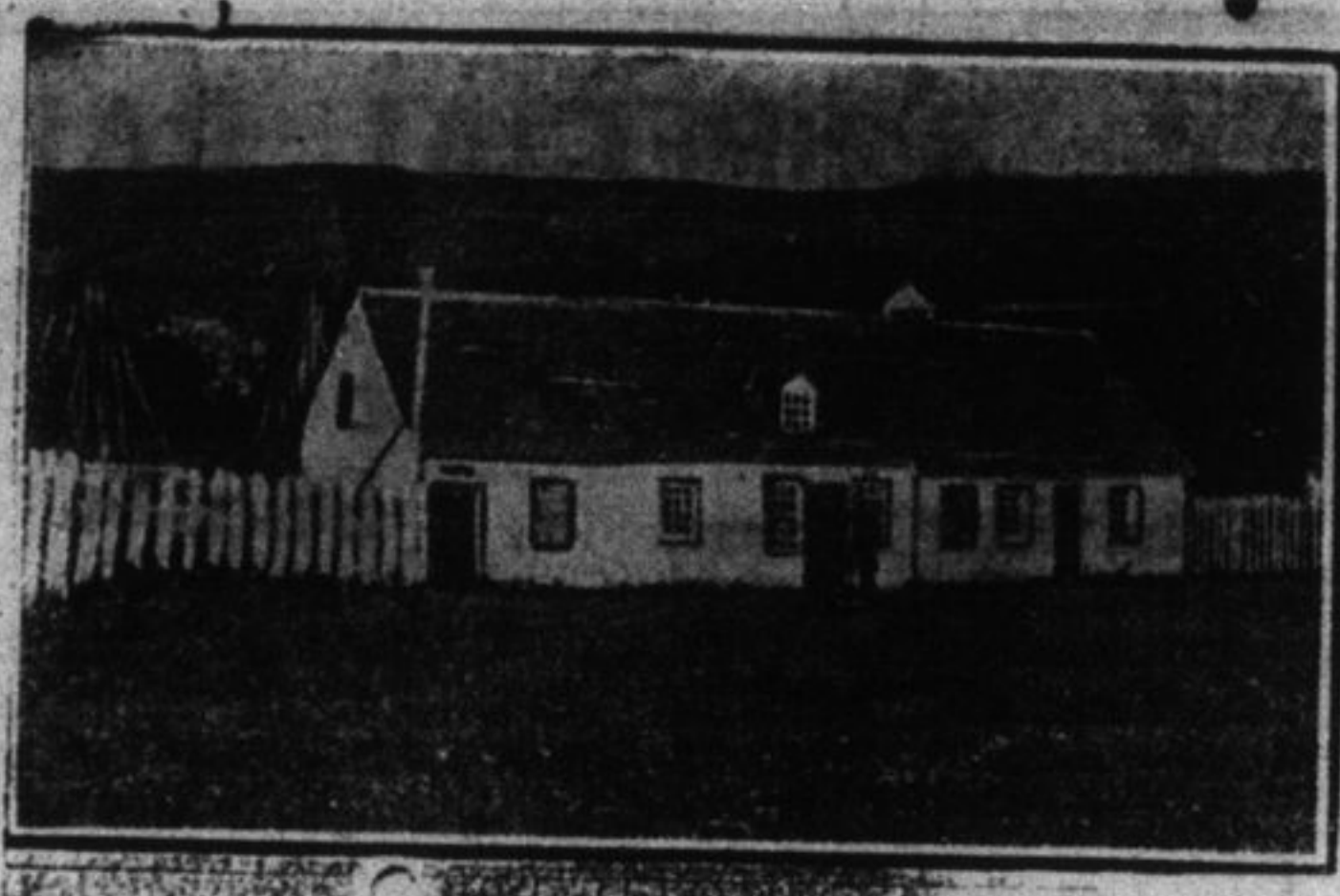
The then Donald Smith's transition from the conservative to the liberal party in 1874 was one of the political events of that period. Sir John A. Macdonald's administration was tottering to its fall, the end of the so-called Pacific scandal debate being at hand. The commons had reassembled in October, 1874, and the brilliant Hon. "Jim" Macdonald, of Pictou, N.S., later on chief justice of his native province, had moved an amendment to Hon. Alexander Mackenzie's amendment, on motion of non-confidence in the government of the day and the tremendous gladiator debate went on.

Very few knew how Donald A. Smith was going to vote, and when he arose excitement was at fever pitch. Mr. Smith provoked a cheer from the conservatives by referring to his life-long friendship for Sir John Macdonald, yet when he said "but there are considerations of country above, and beyond those of party allegiance and of personal friendship," it was evident that all was up with the ministry.

As Sir John was leaving the House of Commons the old chieftain, in a very excited tone, turned to a fellow member and said with a menacing wave of the hand: "I could kill Donald Smith, as quick as hell could search a feather."

As a matter of fact the die was cast for the next day and he arose and gravely announced that the resignation of the ministry had been placed in the hands of his excellency, Lord Dufferin, who, of course, being governor-general, could not attend the very exciting debates, but he was no doubt kept posted by Lord Rosebery, who most attentively followed the debate from the gallery and who was a guest at Rideau Hall.

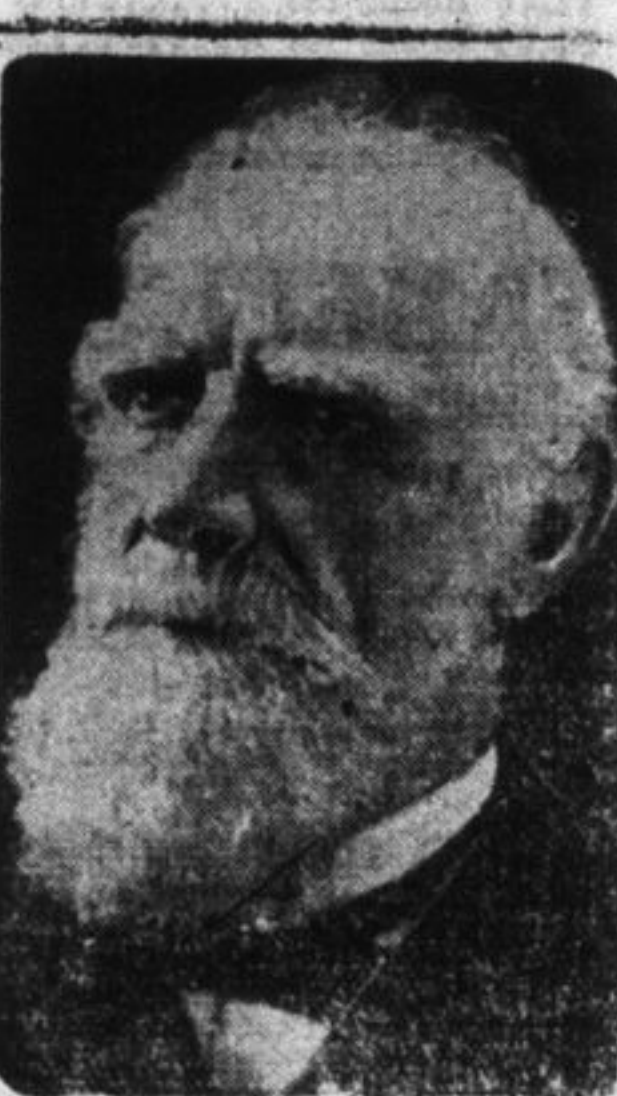
At Johannesburg, the general railway strike has been declared off.



LORD STRATHCONA'S HOME IN LABRADOR.

LORD STRATHCONA Driving the Last Spike on the C.P.R. In November 1885

Early on the morning of November 7th, 1885, the hundreds of busy workmen gradually brought the two tracks nearer and nearer, and at nine o'clock the last rail was laid in its place to complete the railway connection from ocean to ocean. All that remained to finish the work was to drive home the last spike. This duty developed one of the four directors present, the senior in years and influence. No one could on such an occasion more worthily represent the company by taking hold of the



LORD STRATHCONA.

spike hammer and giving the finishing blows.

It was, indeed, no ordinary occasion. The scene was in every respect noteworthy from the groups which composed it and the circumstances which had brought together so many human beings in this spot in the heart of the mountains until recently an untracked solitude. The engineers, the workmen, every one present, appeared deeply impressed by what was taking place. It was felt by all to be the moment of triumph. The central figure—the only one in action at the moment—was more than the representative of the railway company. His presence recalled memories of the Mackenzies, Frasers, Finlaysons, Thompsons, MacTavishes, McLeods, MacGillivrays, Stuarts, and McLaughlins, who in a past generation had penetrated the surrounding mountains. To-day he is the chief representative of a vast trading organization in the third century of its existence.

The spike driven home, the silence for a moment or two remained unbroken. It seemed as if the act now performed had worked a spell on all present. Each was absorbed in his own thoughts. The silence was, however, of short duration. The pent-up feelings found vent in a spontaneous cheer, the echoes of which will long be remembered in association with Craigellachie. In a few moments the train was

again in motion. It passed over the new-laid rail amid further cheering, and sped on its way, arriving at Fort Moody, where a connection was made with the Pacific on November 8th, 1885.

HON. ADAM BECK RETURNS

After Investigating European Motor Road Traffic.

London, Jan. 22.—The Hon. Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission sailed for Canada yesterday. He has been investigating the latest developments of the motor as applied to omnibuses for heavy road traffic. He is convinced of the necessity of developing road transport in Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. Beck spent Christmas at Milton Lodge, Derbyshire where they enjoyed good hunting. Other passengers by the Olympic include Lord Chelmsford, Mr. Ralph Bond, K.C., who is proceeding to Ottawa in connection with the Aldwych project; also Sir Frederick Taylor and family.

PRINCE TURNS FARMER

King Christian's Cousin to Reside in Morocco.

Copenhagen, Jan. 22.—According to a royal message, Prince Aage, cousin of King Christian X, whose marriage to the Italian Countess Calvi de Bergoglio occurred at Turin, Saturday, has been ordered on furlough by the army for one year. In court circles, however it is believed that the prince will permanently retire from the army and perhaps return to Denmark. It is reported that he intends to take up farming in Morocco, where his uncle, Prince Jean, owns an estate. The prince's brother, Prince Axel, started for Italy to-night for a conference with Prince Aage in behalf of the royal family.

ASSESSED THREE PER CENT.

State Candidates Were Made to "Whack Up."

New York, Jan. 22.—Every state employee—from janitor to chief executive—will be enabled to save three per cent of his annual salary if Governor Glynn acts favorably upon the recommendations made by James W. Osborne, his graft investigator. In probing highway department irregularities, Osborne discovered that both republican and democratic state campaign committees have made it a practice to assess each candidate elected or appointed three per cent of his salary each year.

Heavy Fine Inflicted

Welland, Jan. 22.—Before Magistrate Quinn and Greenwood of Port Colborne, Charles Furdy, a Chinese, was charged with keeping a quantity of liquor on his premises, and selling to minors. The evidence showed that he supplied liquor to two girls, one aged seventeen years, accompanied by three young men, one girl becoming unconscious. Defendant was fined \$165.25 on two charges.

The accused members of the Quebec legislature deny the charges of corruption made against them.

White Rose flour put up in 7, 12, 49, 98 lb. packages at all grocers. Mr. and Mrs. John Richards, Toronto, aged seventy, were found asphyxiated in their room.

PRINCE EDWARD.

The New Heir Apparent to the Throne of England.

Prince Edward, who will probably soon be made Prince of Wales, a title that is given by individual investiture and not by birth, is the eldest of the six children of the new king and queen of England. He will be sixteen years old on June 23.

Prince Edward will for the present be styled the Duke of Cornwall and Rothesay. He succeeds forthwith to the duchy of Cornwall, with a clear income of \$400,000 yearly, which will accumulate until he becomes of age, giving him an independent fortune of \$2,500,000.

The fact that he will some day become king of England if the normal course of events is not interrupted does not seem to weigh heavily upon Prince Edward. He is as merry and light hearted a youngster as can be found anywhere. He has a whole menagerie of his own, to which he is devoted, and he is an ardent advocate of kindness to animals.

In 1908 he entered Osborne college, following the steps of his father along the path that lead to the navy. He did not "put on any side," according to the young naval cadets at Osborne, and is exceedingly popular with his associates.

Prince Edward is not a brilliant scholar, but he is a hard worker. He is a healthy, wholesome looking lad of the Hanoverian type, with light hair and a somewhat plain, good natured face.—New York Times.

A MEXICAN MAGNATE.

Don Luis Terrazas Owns the Largest Farm in the World.

The world probably contains nothing anywhere else that can compare with the splendid estate of Don Luis Terrazas, in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico. This fortunate magnate is said to own the greatest farm in the world. It includes 8,000,000 acres of fertile land and extends 150 miles east and west and 200 miles north and south. On its mountains and through its valleys roam over 1,000,000 cattle, 700,000 sheep and 100,000 horses, these being tended by an army of 2,000 horsemen, herdsmen, shepherds and hunters. Each year at least 150,000 head of cattle and 100,000 sheep are slaughtered, dressed and packed, this ranch being the only one in the world which maintains its own slaughtering and packing plant. And this means a very considerable additional profit to its august and fortunate owner.

On this gigantic estate are five reservoirs, which cost \$500,000, and 300 wells, which cost over another \$500,000. Don Luis Terrazas is a scientific farmer and raises every kind of grain in his great fields. His homestead is declared to be the finest farmhouse in existence in any country. It is capable of accommodating 500 guests at a time and was erected at an expense of \$2,000,000. It is a veritable country palace, and the gardens are more carefully laid out and the stables are more costly than those of any emperor. On the homestead alone are employed over a hundred male servants.

Jerusalem.

"On all sides we see the evidences of skepticism, which often reaches the level of ridicule, for things which we and those who have gone before regarded as sacred," says a Palestine letter in a German paper, "but here in Jerusalem the shocks to our reverence are less frequent and less severe. Come hither quickly, then, all ye who would see it before the march of modernity sweeps over the sacred city and before its atmosphere suffers still greater changes. To the tramway and other things modern electric light, power and heating are soon to be added by a French company. The waters of the river Jordan, which fall more than 600 feet near the Lake of Galilee, will furnish the power. Think of a great electrical plant furnishing power for many miles doing business under the name of the Galilee Electric company? Can you fancy it complacent?"

Against Capital Letters.

The Society of Danish Pedagogues and the Danish Literary association in joint session recently discussed the "excessive use of capital letters" and passed a resolution urging the minister of education to issue orders to teachers in public schools through the kingdom "to restrict the use of capital letters to the beginning of sentences and proper names." In explanation it was urged that "in writing our native language the average person halts and is uncertain as to the big letters, and only good could result from using them only as we have indicated."

Palmed the Jewels.

Mary Andre was a palmer in Trieste, Austria. When she examined the hands of well to do women she generally predicted some impending misfortune and explained this was very likely due to their possessing some unlucky jewel. A number of her clients trusted the palmer with their jewelry in order that she might discover which was the offending stone. Frau Andre must have had a large clientele, for she suddenly disappeared from Trieste with \$25,000 worth of this jewelry and has not been heard of since.

What Crete Would Cost.

Present troubles in the east has brought out the sardonic humor of at least one Turkish gentleman. "Would your highness," said an enterprising Italian journalist to the grand vizier of the time, "consent to the sale of Crete?" "Certainly," replied the Turk. "Any one can have it for the price we paid—twenty years' war."

Frederick Morrison, who claimed to be from Montreal, was sentenced in Winnipeg to five years' imprisonment for breaking into a furniture warehouse with intent to burglarize the premises.

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TIMES PAYS TRIBUTE

It Classes Lord Strathcona With Cecil Rhodes.

London, Jan. 22.—The Times financial edition has a two-column notice of the death of Lord Strathcona. Commenting editorially, it briefly reviews the chief achievements of the dead statesman, and says that his sound instinct and broad sense of proportion were shown in his instant repudiation of the suggestion, made in 1897, that he be appointed Governor-General. "Of the quality of his work as high commissioner, which is the best known to Englishmen, there is no need to speak," says the editorial. "It is sufficient to say that he devoted all his energies to a task of such imperial importance, leaving a shining example of public spirit and personal self-sacrifice."

Analyzing his qualities, the Times

KILLED INVALID WIFE

At Her Own Request—Aged Veteran Tells Story.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 22.—Tottering under the weight of his eighty years, William Eberwein stood in criminal court here yesterday and told a simple, but dramatic story of how his invalid wife, fifteen years younger, had pleaded with him to kill her and how he committed this deed. After the old man completed the story Judge Walling, of Erie, Pa., temporarily presiding in the court, surveyed the bent form of the prisoner, fixed the crime at murder in the second degree, and imposed the minimum penalty, which, in this case was practically a life sentence. It was solitary confinement in the penitentiary for not less than seven years or more than fourteen.

Holding on to the prisoners' dock with trembling hands, Eberwein, who is a veteran of the Civil War, told the court that his wife was an invalid, and that one day last October he came into their home and found her lying at the bottom of a stairway, down which she had fallen. He offered to have her sent to a hospital, but she wouldn't go. "You do it William," Eberwein alleged she said. "Do what I said," the prisoner testified. "End it all for me. It's no sin when I'm suffering so."

"I had a board in my hand that I had brought in out of the yard. I looked at her and guessed it wouldn't be a sin. If not, send to The Times, Toronto, Ont."

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on. Then I tapped her on the head with the board and I tapped her again. She didn't moan much, and once when I stopped she kind of whispered: 'Go on, it won't be long.' "So I kept on tapping—and she got quiet." Eberwein stopped speaking, but no one urged him on. Then he began again and told of his arrest. "If I get out of this I want to go to the Soldiers' Home," he concluded. Sir James Whitney's condition remains practically unchanged.

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