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LATE SIR GEORGE W. ROSS

A really great man has passed from view in the death of Sir George Ross. He was a devoted and loyal Canadian, having imbibed from his Scotch parents love of king and country and kindred that was always in evidence and continued until the end.

The Whig's tribute is a personal one. Its editor began his study of the man when he became the minister of education in Ontario, a real educational leader, with plans and ambitions that he carried out in later years to the very great advantage of the province.

He has told, in his autobiography, how he became enamored of public life, how he got his inspiration in politics, how he was elected to parliament, and how he served in the period during which he acted as representative of West Middlesex in the House of Commons.

Sir George filled his new office in Ontario very ably, and filled it to the expectations of the people. Sir Oliver Mowat appraised his worth correctly when he installed him in the chair which Hon. Adam Crooks had occupied with so much distinction.

The fluctuations of political fortune affected him as they affect all public men and political leaders sooner or later. He served under Mowat and Hardy, and with other colleagues of the highest and brightest minds.

In the last and exalted position he proved himself a statesman. On but few occasions, unfortunately, owing to the infirmities of the flesh, the sufferings which he had so long and patiently endured, he was able to show the power of this thought and the loftiness of his speech.

has left, in the works of his pen, and in the printed records of his addresses, valuable contributions to the literature of the times. On the political platform, for which he was bountifully equipped, he was a match for any man, and more than a match for most men.

The Ross government has been condemned in bitter and forceful language and it went to defeat amid scenes and incidents that the liberals regretted. But the man who accepted the verdict of the people uncomplainingly, who served them so long and faithfully, was at heart, and in person, heroic, courageous, amiable, and self-sacrificing.

TURNING BACK THE TIDE

The member for Edmonton, Alta., in the Commons, has brought out some of the facts with regard to our immigration, and the manner in which Canada is being imposed upon with undesirables.

During three of these years the conservatives have been in power, and one recalls the rumpus they made in the commons over the waste of money upon the immigrants, the number, rather than the quality, of whom counted with some of the agencies.

The chief medical officer, in a recent address, pointed out that it was difficult to detect the diseased and undesirables by a hurried inspection, and during the landing of about 6,000 per day, during the summer months, at Quebec.

NET WORK OF RAILWAYS

The legislature of Ontario, in 1913, passed an act which authorized the municipalities to combine and build electric roads on a plan similar to that for the distribution of power, under the Hydro-Electric Commission.

It is to connect a number of counties by radial railways, these railways touching various villages and towns, bringing them into the closest communion, and at the same time opening up and developing very fertile agricultural districts.

The Guelph men who are behind the movement, have had experience in municipal enterprise, and they have a most abounding faith in the success of their scheme.

These schemes, in their enlargement, takes time. The Hydro-Electric Commission's plans were not developed in a day. Indeed, they are still being developed. And so it will take time in which to elaborate the plans that will invite support on this new electric system, that will command the approval of the federal government, and get from it a grant to the extent of \$6,400 a mile.

Kingston was not very strongly represented at the Social Congress in Ottawa, and so it can hardly be expected to get much of an uplift from the proceedings of the Congress.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Evanturel is hanging about the legislature, and in no hurry to resign. He is credited with a desire to get all he can of the sessional indemnity.

The liberal editors, in Toronto, have been banqueting Mr. Rowell and telling him what they think of his political leadership. His handling of the Evanturel case was especially lauded.

An epidemic of typhoid fever prevails at St. John's, Que. There are two infallible remedies—pure water or sanitation, and typhoid vaccination. Dr. Leeshman has a serum that, injected into the blood, preserves the body from disease.

J. W. Johnson, M.P.P., suggests that the bank deposits be taxed. The banks won't care. They may make the usual kick, but they will submit and take the tax out of the depositors.

Canada came back at the London market too quickly, and so her loans, aggregating several millions, are hanging fire. The lesson is obvious. One's credit may be the best, but it is not wise on his part to be borrowing too freely, on the promise of future developments.

An inland revenue officer has been dismissed in Montreal because he has a relative who is a liberal organizer, and Hon. Mr. Nanton thought the association might burden or affect the public official in the performance of his duty.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy denies that he is a candidate for office, even that of the High Commissioner of Canada at \$30,000 a year. Canada has nothing bigger to offer Sir Thomas than that which he has—the presidency of the world's greatest railway at the world's highest salary.

More and more is coming out with regard to the Guelph-Lynch-Staunton report on the National Transcontinental railway. Its statements are not only rash and inaccurate, but they are founded on testimony that has not been taken, as required, under oath.

PUBLIC OPINION

Losing His Head

Ottawa Free Press. They do say that Ontario's new government house will cost about a million dollars. Old Man Ontario is indeed getting reckless.

Speaks to the Point

Montreal Star. Sir Edward Grey is not a spectacular foreign minister like Palmerston, but he has a valuable habit of doing the right thing in the least obtrusive way.

What is a Piffle?

Toronto Mail. The latest scare, featuring the probability of a war, in the near future, between Russia and Germany, may be confidently classed as "piffle."

A Desperate Man

London Citizen. This last desperate move in the campaign, the amendment of the Army Bill, is intended not merely to wreck home rule, but to nullify the Parliament Act, and reconstitute the House of Lords as a dominant political force.

Hard on Laborer

Montreal Telegraph. If Mr. Crothers' attitude represents that of his other colleagues in the cabinet towards labor, then labor now has a plain intimation that it may expect nothing from "dyed-in-the-wool" Tories.

Warned Against Tea

Montreal Mail. The Board of Education of England has issued an appeal warning the people against drinking tea. "That's gratitude," murmurs Sir Thomas Lipton, who is trying to hold Britain's end up in international sport.

The Vote Changes Not

Toronto Globe. Arthur Hawkes says that in five years from now it will be recognized all over Canada that the economic condition of the tillers of the soil is the unalterable dominant consideration in our social and political prosperity.

Kingston Event 25 YEARS AGO.

There are nine officers and forty-five non-commissioned officers taking long courses in the Royal School of Gunnery. Ladies of Orphans Home acknowledge a legacy of \$100 from the late Mrs. Isaac Noble.

Wise and : : Otherwies

If the world owes every man a living, the millionaires must be preferred creditors.

The fable of the hare and the tortoise indicates that perseverance cops the gate receipts.

The average man's idea of being unselfish is to let some other fellow have something he doesn't want.

Her Concession.

No doubt her dress, cut very low. Would seem to be just built for show. Our modesty, she would not shock it. So round her neck she wears a locket.

Wayside Gospel.

Say, Dusty, I heard a feller say yesterday de age is developin' a kind of artistic idleness. Dey'll have to admit dat we're de pioneers in dis interestin' field.



The Answer Was Right. A stranger in New York stopped a newsboy in City Hall park and said, "TU give yo half-a dollar if yo'll direct me to the Chemical National Bank."

On the 17th. A dark woman was looking out of a window at St. Patrick's Day parade. The window came down on her neck and nearly choked her to death. When they got her out, they asked why she didn't holler. She said: "No, sir. If I had hollered, dem Irish would have thought I was cheering them. I'd rather die first."

Too Many of This Kind. "That's a strange pair of scales you have there. I suppose they are of the Ambuscade kind?" "Ambuscade? What is that?" "Why, they lie in weight, as it were."

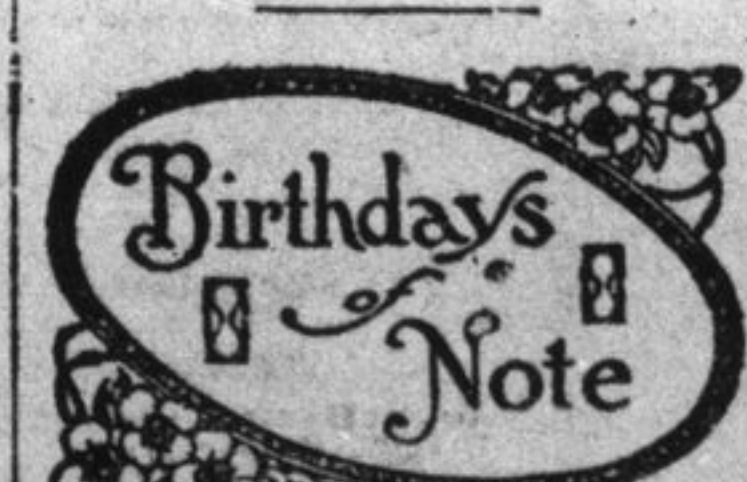
Patriotism on the Railroad. "What's the next station, conductor?" asked the nervous passenger. "It's called 'Old Glory,' ma'am." "But why is it called 'Old Glory'?" "It's a flag station."

Good One-third. Aunt (reprovingly)—Willie, how is it that you are such a bad boy all the time? Willie—I ain't. I'm asleep part of the time.

Well Fixed, Though. One doesn't have to be a particularly sharp to cut a figure in society.

Just About Then. "When does the honeymoon end?" "Well, frequently, like the other moon, it ends after the last quarter is reached."

A Soft Answer. Hub—I wonder where the money is coming from for that new gown of yours? Wife—From the mint, I hope, dear. I'd be sorry to think that you were a counterfeit.



SATURDAY, MARCH SEVENTH. The Hon. A. G. Mackay, Provincial Treasurer of Alberta and formerly leader of the Liberal party in Ontario, observes his fifty-fourth birthday to-day.

He was for many years a prominent officer of the Owen Sound, where he practiced law. Prior to that he was a schoolmaster. Always interested in politics and an officer of the local reform association, he entered the Ontario Legislature eleven years ago and just before the dissolution of the Ross Government had charge of the department of crown lands.

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