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BIG CHIEF VAN HORNE LATE RAILWAY BUILDER WAS A PICTURESQUE FIGURE.

In the Early Days of the C. P. R. Construction Work, He Was Known as a Powerful Leader of Men With Cataclysmic of Explosive Wrath and Sudden Flashes of Humor.

ON his human side the late Sir William Van Horne was an attractive figure as he was great in the field of railway management. In appearance he was short and rather corpulent, though his dimensions gave a feeling of massiveness and power. His voice was deep-chested and on occasion strong and commanding. Writing in The Canadian Century a couple of years ago of Sir William Van Horne, Mr. C. Lintner Sibley gave the following touching description: "There are many picturesque accessories to lighten the record of such a man as Sir William. I like that picture of him that you hear from the old construction bosses, of how, when he was out in the wilderness with his armies of workmen from the Orient and the Continent, carrying to a successful consummation thousands of miles of what were regarded as engineering impossibilities—how, in the starlit nights, in the vastness of the Rockies or the solitary wastes of the plains, there would flow out upon the listening air some wonderful strain of music—the strains of Chopin nocturne or the deeper melody of Beeethoven's tone poem—telling Indian and Orient a European alike that the Big Chief Van Horne had been pleased with the result of the day's struggle with primeval chaos. That music was of the Big Chief's own making; it came from his beloved violin.

And contrasting with this, there is the other side of his nature—the explosive wrath, the cataclysmic of purest Anglo-Saxon, the fiery will of the man expressing itself in fiery terms, and the sudden flash of humor that came like mellow sunshine following upon the thunderstorm. It took a big fund of humor, of optimism, of sheer brute strength, and of magnetic, indomitable will to carry on a battle such as he won against forces and discouragements so vast as attended the building of the C. P. R.

Mr. Sibley tells of Van Horne's once being lost in the mountains of British Columbia, and of "how he wandered all day swallowed up in a vast landscape that stretched away in an endless sea of snow and glacier—dead peaks, and how towards evening down among the trees on a mountain-side, he espied smoke. How he crawled on his hands and knees to the camp, fearing it might be hostile Indians, and how to this big man with his giant hunger there floated on the breeze the glorious smell of frying beefsteak, betokening the fishpots of the white man—as, indeed, it was—of his own surveyors.

"When, after the railway was built, he took on the job of letting the world know of its attractions, he got artists to paint pictures of the scenery. These pictures he would criticize in a helpful and active manner. More than once when pictures have been brought into his office in the Windsor Street Station in Montreal he has sent out for sandwiches for luncheon and for artists' material, and between mouthfuls of sandwiches he has mixed up his colors and repainted the pictures.

"Sir William's home life is a very happy one. His love for children is one of the lovable phases of his nature. I remember interviewing him once immediately upon his return from one of his numerous visits to Cuba.

"While he was thinking his little grandson came into the room—a grandson to whom the great Sir William represented nothing more than a nice, big playfellow, to be ordered about at his bidding.

"Come and kiss grandpa," said Sir William.

"The child came to him, and grandpa and the hope of the family exchanged kisses.

"I want you to be horse," said the little boy.

"Want me to be a horse?" said Grandpa.

"Yes, I want to ride."

"Come on then."

"The curly-haired little fellow climbed on the chair, got hold of Grandpa's massive head, clambered up on his shoulders and bestrode his neck.

"Gee up!" he said.

"Grandpa shook his shoulders.

"No, no, get up and gallop!" cried the autocrat on his shoulders.

"And Grandpa got up and galloped."

Sir William (he received his Knighthood in 1894) was of the type who achieved greatness. He rose from base to top of the railway ladder by sheer grit, organizing resource and brain power. There was no royal road to success with him. The circumstances were none too rosy in his favor, but he rose above them and stamped his impress on what he did in a remarkable way. He was born near Joliet, Illinois, in 1843, a descendant of one of the old patron families, who laid the foundation of the city of New York under the name of New Amsterdam, and when he had attained the age of 14 the death of his father made it necessary that he face the uphill battle in life. He first acted as telegraph operator on the Illinois Central, then went into the service of the Michigan Central, where he was six years, leaving to be train despatcher of the Alton, and subsequently rising to the position of Superintendent of Telegraphs and Divisional Superintendent. In 1874 he became General Manager of the Southern Minnesota Railway, three years later was President of that line, and in 1880 General Superintendent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

Sometimes peace is made possible by ignorance of what other people think of you. The "don't-repeat-it" stories are usually slanderous as well as dangerous.

BELIEVES IN HOME TOWN.

New President of Canadian Press Association Works for Community.

The man who has been elected president of the Canadian Press Association, Canada's national organization of newspaper men, is an individual who merits attention apart altogether from his connection with journalism. Mr. W. E. Smallfield, upon whom the honor has fallen, is first and foremost editor and proprietor of The Renfrew Mercury. But he is much more than that. He is an outstanding example of the man who is trying to serve the community in which he resides with an unselfish zeal and a genuine public spirit that are most refreshing in these days when so much self-seeking is in evidence.

The small town still plays an important part in the life of the nation, and it is the belief of Mr. Smallfield and others like him that it only requires a little effort to make the conditions of life in these places so desirable that they will readily hold their own against the inducements of the city. Renfrew is one of the most conspicuous examples in Canada of the small town triumph, and what it has become in the particular is due in very large measure to the efforts of its leading newspaper man.

The Mercury editor admits quite frankly that municipal service is his hobby. Outside of his office work it absorbs the bulk of his attention. If he travels, and he does a good deal of it, his eyes and ears are constantly open to absorb ideas. He first went into public life a few years ago as champion of waterworks and sewers, and thanks to his energy, Renfrew today possesses one of the best systems in Canada. Then he took up the question of permanent walks and roads, and the town was presently well equipped in the particular. Next came the problem of lighting, culminating in the building of a \$120,000 municipal power plant, and the recent opening of a white way along the main street that has no equal in any other town the size of Renfrew in Canada.

A whole chapter could be written on how W. E. Smallfield took in hand the Renfrew Fall Fair, which was almost defunct, and in the course of a few years, by the infusion of new ideas and much well-directed publicity, built it up into one of the largest and most popular fall fairs in Ontario, with an attendance of over 14,000 last year. Another intensely interesting chapter would describe how he was instrumental to a very large extent in having erected Hotel Renfrew, costing upwards of \$50,000, and now owned and operated as a first-class temperance hotel and municipal club by the citizens of the town. All these things and more he has done, and, while he would doubtless deny any personal merit in having accomplished them, Renfrewites don't hesitate to give him every credit for the results. That the municipality has become a much more desirable and attractive place of residence as the fruit of his work is generally admitted.

The new president of the Press Association comes of a newspaper family. His grandfather was an author-printer in England and helped to found the Leicestershire Mercury. His father, after serving an apprenticeship in London, came to America and was for some years on the staff of the New York Journal of Commerce. Early in the sixties he answered the call of the wild and came over to Canada, where he settled in Madoc and ultimately established the Madoc Mercury. Later he removed with his family to Renfrew, where the Renfrew Mercury has been published ever since. W. E. Smallfield was taken into partnership in 1882, and since his father's death in 1901 has been in sole control.—W. A. Craik in Toronto Star Weekly.

Escaped From German Camp.

Rev. Jas. F. Rowley, Methodist minister at Hampton, late of Winnipeg, received word a few days ago that his brother Walter, a corporal in the 2nd Royal Warwick, had escaped from a German prison camp at the end of August after ten months in prison.

"Two of us cut the wires at about 11 p.m. on Sunday, and I got over the frontier at about 4 a.m. on Wednesday," Rowley writes. "We did about sixty or seventy miles, traveling only at night and over very bad ground, with nothing to eat. The sentries were fifty yards apart, with electric lights the same distance, making it almost as light as day. We had to cut four lines of double-stranded wire with a pair of pliers. But a good storm and a lot of luck pulled me through. We got into Holland, and then to England."

As to treatment by the Germans, Rowley said that until March the food was very bad. After that it improved somewhat. Last Christmas, in the room where they were, the men who were lucky enough to steal potatoes enjoyed themselves, but those who did not were eating potato peelings for dinner.

Ontario's Industrial Army.

That the casualties among Ontario's army of factory workers for the last year covered by the figures of the Ontario Department of Agriculture number 1,270 is the announcement of James T. Burke, chief inspector of factories. Of these injured, fifty-four subsequently died. The reports embrace an industrial army of 228,480 employees.

Mr. Burke states that there is little trouble from the employment of children under fourteen years of age. In the two hundred thousand workers, only 94 were under the statutory age.

To help along its protective work the branch has issued a translation into the languages of Ontario's foreign population of a number of notices. For instance, "explosives" is thus rendered: Polish, Wychuchajacy; Italian, Esplosivo; Slovak, Vybusna ktia; Hungarian, Robbanno anyag; Lithuanian, Eksplozijuojantis; German, Sprengstoff.

After an actress passes a certain age she has to make up for lost man. The less brass a man has the easier it is for him to lose his head. Do we deserve the good opinion of those who do thing well of us?

FINANCIAL MATTERS

C. A. Dinkey Midvale Steel Company President.

New York, Oct. 8.—Directors of the Midvale Steel Company, which was recently purchased by a syndicate including Percy Rocketteller, William E. Corey, and several prominent bankers, for \$22,000,000, elected A. C. Dinkey president to succeed Mr. Corey.

A Record Pay Roll.

Pittsburg, Oct. 9.—Reports of five of the largest banks carrying the pay rolls of several of the largest corporations in the Pittsburgh district show that the October pay will approximate \$22,000,000, exceeding that of any month for several years by at least 15 per cent. The largest preceding payroll month of recent years was October, 1911, when the aggregate for the same banks was \$18,000,000.

Will Have Dividend To Spend.

Toronto, Oct. 9.—Dividend payments in Canada at the beginning of this month rank among the largest of the current year to date, running up into many millions. It is expected that the local security market will benefit by the money thus placed in investors' hands.

Canadian Cottons.

Montreal, Oct. 9.—That Canadian Cottons is sharing in the general improvement in the textile trade in Canada is stated by A. O. Dawson, managing director, who points out that the company's mills are now operating at about 85 per cent, capacity, as compared with 70 per cent. in the Fall of 1914. Mr. Dawson forecasts that there will be further advances made in prices in view of the position of raw cotton and the steady readjustment of dyestuffs to higher levels.

Buy Canadian Securities.

Toronto, Oct. 9.—One dealer, who does not favor Canadian participation in the Anglo-French credit loan, points out that the high yield on the bonds, is only of five-years' duration. After that period the interest drops to 4 1/2 per cent. or else the holder can now be led to yield 3 1/2 or 6 per cent. He would then be helping out his own country, would ensure himself a generous return for 20 or 30 years, and would not need to bother his head about eventualities at the end of five years.

Succeed Mr. Plummer.

Sydney, N.S., Oct. 9.—It is rumored here that F. J. Jones will succeed Mr. Plummer as president of the Dominion Steel Corporation, and that D. H. McDougall will be given large powers in connection with the steel end of the corporation.

New Governor Named.

London, Oct. 9.—R. M. Kinderley was elected to succeed Sir Thomas Skinner as governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, and Charles Sale becomes deputy-governor. Hewitt Skinner succeeds to the board vacancy caused by his father's retirement.

Mr. Culver Buys Swastika.

Swastika, Oct. 9.—It is reported here that Frank Culver of the Heav-er Mine, Cobalt, has taken over the Swastika Mine. The property was closed down several months ago because of lack of funds, and its reopening would tend to bring back the old confidence felt in the district close to the town. Arrangements are being made to start diamond drilling the Swastika as soon as possible.

Financial Notes.

S. Carsley, of Carsley and Company, was elected a member of the Montreal Stock Exchange.

A New York Stock Exchange seat was sold for \$65,000, a new higher record for the year.

The New York Stock Exchange firm of Donner, Child & Wood has been suspended for a year as the result of having been caught bucketing. The municipal bond sales in Canada for September, as compiled by the Monetary Times, amounted to \$2,646,484, compared with \$737,415 for August, and \$53,090 for the corresponding period of last year.

Commercial failures in United States for first nine months of 1915 totalled 17,288; high record for any similar period in past, but liabilities

materially smaller than same period in 1914.

It is well understood in financial circles that T. B. Macaulay, managing-director of the Life Assurance Company, will at once succeed his late father, Robertson Macaulay, to the presidency of the company, retaining also the title of managing-director.

It was stated yesterday that an option has been granted English interests for the 1,000,000 shares of the reorganized West Dome Mining Company at 25 cents per share. The market value of the stock at present is 9 3/4 cents.

Directors of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. on the common stock, placing that issue on a 6 per cent. basis against the 4 per cent. paid since 1912.

C. S. Wilcox, president of the Steel Company of Canada, states that the question of unpaid dividends on the preferred stock of the company, and the question of paying dividends on the common stock, has never been discussed by the directors.

ATTACK WAS MADE

On the Dardanelles At the Request of Russia.

London Truth. Very little attention seems to have been paid in the London press to the recent statement of our Ambassador at Petrograd with regard to the origin of the Dardanelles operations. The statement was made in an interview with a Russian journalist, in which Sir George Buchanan made a special effort to enlighten the Russian public as to what Great Britain has done for her allies in the last twelve months.

With regard to the Dardanelles, he said that the attack was undertaken in response to the request of the Russian Government that we would make a demonstration that would draw the Turkish army of the Caucasus. Naturally the point selected was the one where the attack would be most dangerous to the Turks and, if it succeeded, most useful to the Allies—particularly Russia.

It ought always to have been obvious to any intelligent observer that the French Government, whose need of troops in the western theatre of war is even greater than ours, would not have taken the British in this desperate adventure if there had not been some such motive at work as that which Sir George Buchanan has indicated.

The idea, sedulously propagated in one or two mischief-making London journals, that the Dardanelles operations originated in the wild brain of Mr. Churchill, and that he dragged, or manoeuvred, both the British and French Cabinets into the affair, was preposterous on the face of it.

Wanted His Payment.

Maggie and Tammie were sitting together one evening at Maggie's home. Tammie, having sat silent for some moments, Maggie remarked shyly, "A penny for your thoughts, Tammie!"

"Weel, tae tell ye the truth, lassie, I was thinkin' kin' hoo fine it wad be if ye were toe gie me a wee bit kissie."

"Oh, that's it, is it? Weel, Tam, I ha'e nae objection." And she planted the desired caress on his lips. Then Tammie went off into another, brow study. After a short interval, Maggie smilingly said again:

"An' what are ye thinkin' about noo, Tammie—another kiss, eh?"

"Nae, nae, lassie; it's ma'ir serious noo."

"Is it, laddie?" asked Maggie, quietly, her heart going pit-a-pat with expectation as she edged a bit closer. "An' what might it be noo, laddie?"

"I was just thinking," came the reply, "that it was about time ye paid me that penny!"

John Didn't Bring One.

Five young men trooped into a shop each to buy a new hat. Scantling wax, the man behind the counter funned jocular.

"Are you all married?" he enquired.

"Yes!" they chorused.

"Then I'll give a hat to the man who can truthfully say he has not kissed any woman but his own wife since he was wedded."

"Hand over the hat," said one of the party. "I was married yesterday."

One of the others was spinning the yarn to his wife, when his laughter suddenly gave way to fear.

"I say, John," she asked, "how was it you didn't bring one?"

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