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Kingston Men Who Left Home To Gain Fame

Robert Bickerdike, M. P.
Financier and Underwriter.

Following upon the Minister of Finance, the next Kingstonsian to take his place in the list of those who won fame and fortune in some other part of the country is, by coincidence, also a member of the federal parliament, namely Robert Bickerdike, who represents a Montreal constituency in the House of Commons. During his seventy-six years of life he has had a varied and interesting career, and has well earned his right to take a place in the halls of fame amongst Kingstons' most successful sons.

Robert Bickerdike was born in Kingston in the days when this old city was at its greatest height of glory; when it was the centre of government for United Canada. He entered the world on August 17th, 1843. His parents were Thomas Bickerdike and Agnes Forster (Cowan) Bickerdike. His father was one of Kingston's old pioneers, and was a well-respected and esteemed member of the community. In his early days Kingston did not possess the educational advantages it at present affords so that the young lad had all



ROBERT BICKERDIKE, M.P.

his education at the Kingston Public Schools. After finishing his school term, Robert Bickerdike looked around for a life of activity which would satisfy him. At that time there was little to draw the abilities of young business men, but eventually he entered the live stock export business. Starting from a small beginning, he developed this line of activity to a greater extent than had ever before been known in Canada. He built up the exporting business step by step, until he became known all the world over as Canada's greatest exporter of live stock. For many years he carried on in this line, until the effort became too strenuous for him, and he retired.

But Robert Bickerdike could not retire into restfulness without having some activity to take up his time and energy. He devoted himself to finance, underwriting and insurance, and very soon became a notable figure in these branches of the country's financial work. He acquired an interest in the Western Assurance Company, with which he still has a very active connection, and in many other financial concerns, and became identified with many of the leading financial movements in the country. He was for many years vice-president of the

Bank of Hochelaga, and carried that institution over many a rocky period in its history. He is connected with a large number of insurance, trust and investment concerns. He is a director of the Canada Life Insurance Company; director of the Western Assurance Company, for which he is branch manager for the Province of Quebec; director of the British American Assurance Company, director of the Imperial Guarantee and Accident Assurance Company, director of the Prudential Trust Company, director of the Mount Royal Investment Company and president of the Canada Securities Corporation. With so imposing a list of financial connections, it is little wonder that he is looked upon as one of Canada's keenest financial men.

Robert Bickerdike made his first appearance in active political life in 1897, when he was elected as a member of the Quebec Legislative Assembly representing one of the Montreal Divisions. He remained in provincial politics for three years, when, in response to many requests, he stepped into the wider field of Dominion politics. In 1900 he was elected to the federal House of Commons, and has been a member ever since, having been re-elected in 1904, 1908, 1911 and 1917. He is one of the best-known members of the house, and has made himself famous for his outstanding convictions on some subjects. Only recently he came into the limelight with a strong condemnation of the present law of capital punishment, of which he is a strong opponent. But Mr. Bickerdike's activities as member of the provincial and Dominion parliaments do not exhaust the list of his good works for the benefit of his fellows. He was a member of the Protestant Committee on Public Instructions for the Province of Quebec, and worked hard on behalf of the English schools of the French-Canadian province. He has been president of the Montreal Board of Trade and was formerly acting-chairman of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners' Board. He is honorary president of the Montreal Western Hospital, and a life-governor of the Montreal General Hospital, both of which institutions have had good cause to be thankful for his great interest in their work. He is also a member of the National Battlefields Commission.

Mr. Bickerdike enjoyed a long and happy married life. In 1866 he took as his bride Miss Helen Thompson Reid, and for forty-one years she was his partner in the joys and sorrows of life. She died in 1907, after having carried a family of nine children. Her loss was a great one to her husband, whose later years have been left desolate by his loss. He has now reached a good old age, but still retains his vitality to a remarkable degree. He is a sturdy, well-built man, carries himself erect, and is of strong personal appearance. In spite of his advancing years, he is still a keen debater in the house, and is one of the keenest members of parliament. He retains membership in several clubs, amongst them being the Rideau Club of Ottawa, the Canadian Club, Montreal and the Canada Club, Montreal. He now resides at "Elmwood," Lachine, where he leads a quiet and restful life. He has recently been suffering from a somewhat serious illness, but his many friends and admirers in Kingston will be pleased to know that he is once more in good health, and is able to be back again at his office of the Western Assurance Company in Montreal.

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Wilbur Card Spent Three Years in the British Navy—A Fine Musical and Literary Talent.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Napanee, Feb. 12.—The death occurred at Toronto on Monday of Wilbur Card, only son of Mrs. Emma Card, of flu. Deceased had gone to Toronto about two weeks ago to write on examinations for master's papers for the summer sailing, and was taken ill and his mother and wife wired for. Deceased was only twenty-three years of age, and leaves a young wife. He returned last fall from overseas, after spending three years in the British navy. His death came as a shock to his many friends in Napanee. The remains were brought from Toronto on Tuesday, and the funeral took place on Thursday.

Another sad death was that of Hiram T. Welsh, who died at the residence of his father-in-law, Cephas Spencer. Deceased had been in failing health for the past few months of consumption. He formerly lived

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