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SIR HENRY PELLATT, Financier.

It is not generally known that Sir Henry Pellatt, one of Canada's leading financiers and brokers, first saw the light of day in Kingston, and can claim a place in the roll of fame of this city, but this is nevertheless a fact. Sir Henry was born in this city on January 15th, 1859, his father being Henry Pellatt and his mother Emma M. (Holland) Pellatt. His stay in Kingston, however, did not extend over many years, for when he was but a young lad his parents moved to Toronto. He had his first start in education in the schools of this city, and completed it at Upper Canada College.

But his father believed that business experience was the best education for his son, so at the age of fifteen he entered his father's office, and commenced his training in financial service under the guidance of E. B. Osler, one of Canada's financial magnates of the time. After a thorough training in this firm, he went into partnership with his father, the firm name being Pellatt & Pellatt, share brokers. This partnership was first formed in 1881, and for ten years following this the first

hospital portrait of himself, painted by Forster, and his now hangs in the Pellatt wing. He has for many years been a governor of Grace Hospital.

In his early days Sir Henry Pellatt was a splendid all-round athlete, and in 1879 he won the one mile running championship of America at New York. In 1879, in honor of his generosity to the tribe, the Mohawk Indians created him a chief of the tribe, with the title "Tanaayasara," meaning "Dawn of the Morning."

One of the great features of Sir Henry's career is his service in the militia forces of Canada. Entering the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto in 1880 as a lieutenant, he has risen from rank to rank, until to-day he is brigadier-general. Three years after joining he was promoted to captain; in 1893 he rose to the rank of major; in 1901 he was made lieutenant-colonel, and five years after he was given command of the entire regiment. He was made full colonel a year later, and was awarded the long service medal many years ago. In 1897, while holding the rank of major, he attended the Diamond Jubilee celebration of Queen Victoria. When King Edward VII. was crowned in 1902, he was in command of the Canadian contingent at the ceremony, and took with him at his own expense the entire bugle band of the Queen's Own Rifles. In 1910 he took the regiment, 820 strong, to England at his personal expense, to participate in the army manoeuvres at Aldershot with the Imperial army. While in England on that occasion he attended the funeral of the late King Edward.

When the present king and queen were crowned, Sir Henry and Lady Pellatt were present by invitation, and on that occasion Sir Henry was on the military staff which was on duty at the ceremony. He celebrated the incident by presenting to every school child in Toronto a medal commemorating the coronation of their majesties.

Sir Henry Pellatt's first recognition by royalty came in 1905, when he was appointed A.D.C. to the Governor-General of Canada. In 1910 he was knighted by the late King Edward, as a reward for his continued services as a soldier and citizen. He was at the same time created a commander of the Victorian Order, a much prized distinction. In 1911 he was elected president of the Society of Knights Bachelor of England, a society of fellowship amongst those who have been granted titles by the King.

Many tributes have been paid to this remarkable man. He is one of the keenest of financiers, and has always displayed his finest qualities in time of stress. This was shown during the war, when, after finding that he could not qualify for overseas service, he threw his whole heart and soul into the work of organizing contingents for the front, of recruiting and outfitting battalions and drafts from the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto. He was untiring in his patriotic endeavors, and his elevation to the rank of brigadier-general in the Canadian militia was the fitting culmination of a military career of strenuous endeavor and usefulness. Sir William Bull says of him, that he is one of the foremost financiers of Canada, and is the Cecil Rhodes of the Western Dominion, while another contemporary says that he is the most generous and enthusiastic of the Empire's amateur soldiers.

In 1883 Sir Henry, then a rising young financier, married Miss Mary Hodgson, daughter of John Hodgson, of Cumberland, England. Lady Pellatt is also a prominent public worker, and is Regent of the Queen's Own Rifles Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire. The Pellatt home is known far and wide as the finest residence on this side of the Atlantic. "Casa Loma," as their castle is called, stands upon Walmer Hill, Toronto, and is a landmark for miles around. It is of fine architecture, and no expense has been spared to make it outstanding in every respect. The gardens and grounds alone cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the stables and servants' quarters are palatial enough to be the residence of many a wealthy man. But Sir Henry never does things by halves, and this has been carried out in the designing of his home.

In politics he is a Conservative, although he has never taken an active interest in political matters. He leans towards the Anglican church in religion, and is a member of a large number of clubs.

Although he has just passed his sixty-first birthday, Sir Henry is an active man, and still takes a great interest in sport and social life. He is in daily attendance at his office, which is the recognized centre for all the leaders in financial matters for the Dominion of Canada in Toronto. As a military man, he is proud of the fact that his birthplace is the oldest military centre in Canada, and Kingston is honored in claiming him as one of her native sons.



SIR HENRY PELLATT

rays of fortune smiled upon the young man. In 1891 his father retired, feeling that the business could now be safely left in the hands of his son. Norman MacRae was taken into partnership, and Henry the Second became the leading partner. This partnership still exists, and is a most successful one.

The progress of Sir Henry Pellatt has been so rapid and phenomenal that it is almost impossible to detail its course. But he has made such headway that he is now one of the twenty-three men who, according to a financial contemporary, are at the basis of Canadian finance. The extent of his activities can best be shown by the following list of companies in which he is interested. He is president of the Toronto Electric Light Company, which supplies most of the power and lighting for the city of Toronto, of the Ontario Electric Development Company, the Cobalt Lake Mining Company, the Moneta Porcupine Mines, and was one of the principal promoters of the British Canadian Shipbuilding and Dock Company in 1911. He is also a director of the following companies: the British-American Assurance Company, the Toronto Street Railway, the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company, the San Paulo Tramway, Light and Power Company, and the Canadian Steel and Radiation Company, having large interests in each one of these important concerns. From them he derives a tremendous income.

Besides being involved in the intricacies of high finance on a very large scale, Sir Henry finds much time to devote to public work and charitable causes. He is director of the Canadian National Horse Show Association, and takes a great interest in all matters pertaining to horses and stock raising. His stables at Casa Loma, his magnificent Toronto castle, are models of cleanliness and system, and he has a farm on which he raises prize cattle and thoroughbred horses. He is president of the Toronto Guild of Civic Art, and devotes much time to this work. The Canadian Red Cross Society claims him as a councillor, and during the war he put his energy wholeheartedly into the work of this organization, in addition to his many other labors. He has always taken a great interest in the affairs of Trinity University, and in 1901 he subscribed \$25,000 to the endowment fund of the college, of which he is treasurer. Two years later he made a munificent gift to Grace Hospital, Toronto, and presented an entire surgical wing to this institution. At the same time he presented to the



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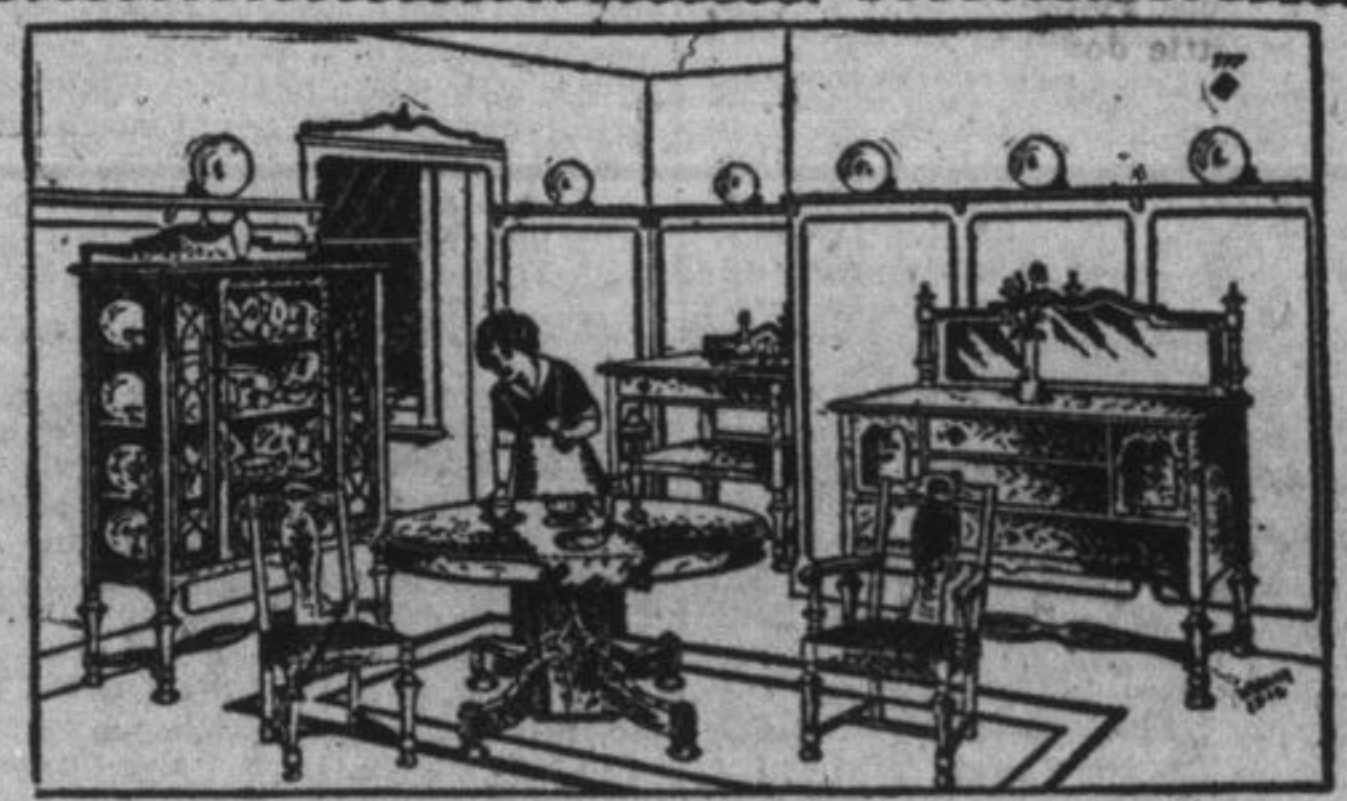
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W. Rees has taken a position as traveller with Carson Bros. Edward Hovey will act as purser on the steamer Hero again this year. On to-day's market eggs sold at 15c. and butter at 1 1/2c.

Frank Taylor will be first engineer on the steamer Spartan this season. William Hazlett, chief engineer on the steamer Hero, was bitten on the leg and seriously injured.

Weather Notes. The weather has been fair and mild from Southern Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, while in the Lake Superior district it has been showery, and in Manitoba fair and rather cold. A well-defined disturbance is centred over the south-west states and another is moving northward off the middle Atlantic coast.



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