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APPOINTMENT IS WELCOMED IN U. S.

Selection of Viscount Grey Received With Pleasure

NEWSPAPERS ALL CORDIAL

His Great Record of High Achievement in Public Life Only One of the Reasons

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)
Not even James Bryce's appointment as British Ambassador to the United States was received with such expressions of pleasure as have followed the announcement that Viscount Grey is to go to Washington, for the time being at least. Practically every American newspaper of prominence gives him a cordial welcome, and expresses gratification at the compliment to the United States involved in Great Britain sending such a man. It is, as one of them remarks, as though Elihu Root were to be sent to England. It is also appreciated that only a strong sense of public duty leads the almost blinded statesman to accept the post. There are no more honors for him to reap. His name is imperishably inscribed among his country's immortals. He would greatly have desired to spend his remaining years at his ancestral home of Falloden, a beautiful spot, and peculiarly dear to Lord Grey because of its associations. But he has put aside his natural inclinations because he believes he may do his country a service by going to Washington, and the American people appreciate it.

A Unique Position.
We are inclined to believe that Lord Grey will occupy a position there such as no other diplomat ever filled. The position of Great Britain's representative is slightly different from that of any other ambassador, because of the peculiar relations between the two countries. In addition to being upon a slightly different footing, the new ambassador is a personal friend of both President Wilson and ex-President Taft, besides being intimately acquainted with other noted Americans. He was also a great friend of Theodore Roosevelt, and the latter once said that the most delightful days he spent in England were those with Grey when they walked through the New Forest discussing the bird life of the place and seeing which of them could

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AT HALIFAX BY THE PRINCE OF WALES



identify the most varieties. Further, and most important, Lord Grey will be admitted to know more about European politics and European peoples than any one in the American State Department. Knowing him to be the soul of honor and candor, can it be doubted that the American government will frequently avail itself of his vast store of first-hand knowledge and seek his advice?

The Soul of Honor.
His profound interest in the League of Nations will make his appointment particularly gratifying to the present ad-

ministration. It is known that no foreign subject interested him so much in the thirty years he spent in the House of Commons as the development of friendship between Great Britain and the United States. It is also known that he was not coming to Washington to obtain advantage for the country he represented at the expense of the United States, that he has no axe to grind, and that he is always just exactly what he appears to be. That he did more than any other man to avert the great war is also everywhere admitted. Perhaps no state documents have been read with such profound interest and by so many Americans as those contained in the British White Paper which record the communications between the British government and the other interested European governments in the weeks immediately preceding the war. These have made the name of Grey a household word for simple honesty and good faith.

Many Private Troubles.
The many misfortunes of the new ambassador have not been without their appeal to the American people. It is recalled that he lost his wife, a beautiful and accomplished woman to whom he was devoted, in a carriage accident. This tragic accident cast a cloud over his life which has never been entirely dispelled. His favorite brother was killed by a lion when big game hunting in British East Africa. Still later a fire destroyed part of Falloden Hall, and many of his greatest treasures were lost. Finally there came the blow of failing eyesight. This was the result of his great conscientiousness in perusing confidential despatches, many of them in almost illegible handwriting. The result was that he had to resign to the capable hands of Arthur Balfour his post of Foreign Secretary in 1916. (The rest has done him good, and though he cannot see to read, his eyesight is improving and may yet become normal for a man of his years and habits.)

The fact that this is the first occasion when Great Britain ever sent to any nation an ambassador who is a former foreign secretary is commented upon by several American newspapers. It is the next thing they observe to sending a member of the Royal Family, and is in itself an unprecedented compliment. The all-round character of the new ambassador is also well known. He is the author of a work on fly fishing that is a standard. His gifts as a speaker are well known. Formerly he was one of the best tennis players in England. He was also a cricketer and a keen sportsman. It is pretty generally understood that when he was raised to the peerage and offered an earldom he declined and took instead the slightly lower dignity of a viscountcy, in order not to embarrass the other Earl Grey, his kinsman, and son of the former governor-general of Canada. However, he is a Knight of the Garter, the highest order of chivalry in the realm.

Robert E. O'Connor, a Chicago broker, bought 100 six-cent tickets of the L. about a month before the eight-cent fare went into effect. When he tried to use one to pay a fare after the change was made he was required to add two cents, which he paid under protest. Now he is suing the road for the two cents, declaring that the ticket was a simple contract and was good for one ride regardless of any changes in fares succeeding its sale. He declares that if necessary he will carry the case up to the United States Supreme Court.

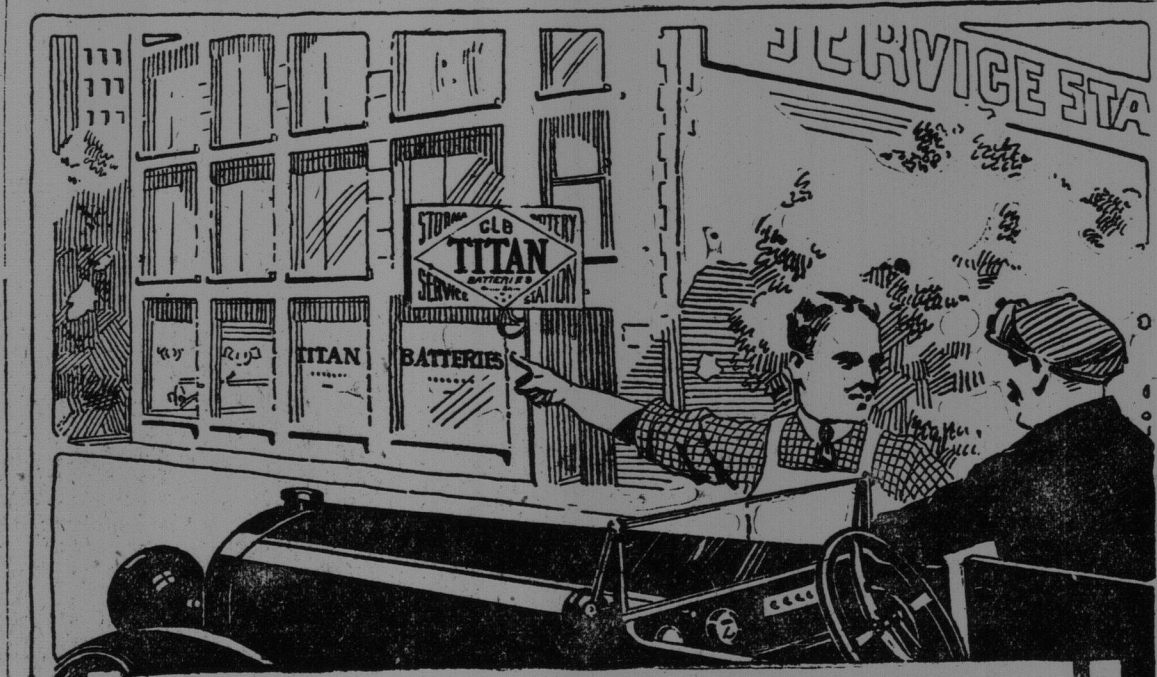
SIR BARTON NOT YET IN DISCARD

One Defeat by Purchase Does Not Give the Hildreth Horse the Title

New York, Aug. 28.—It seems that the patrons at Saratoga have already donated the three-year-old crown to Samuel Hildreth's good Ormondale-Cherryola colt Purchase. Hildreth, they say, is the only youngster of the same age that has a chance to dispute the title claims of the Hildreth horse.

While on the subject of pretenders to the three-year-old throne, let it not be forgotten that the Montreal owner, J. K. L. Ross, owns and races a certain colt named Sir Barton. In this same identical season, Sir Barton tucked away in rapid succession the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness, the Withers and the Belmont Stakes, which constitutes no mean effort.

While it is true that J. K. L. Ross' colt was beaten once by Purchase, it is also a fact that on that occasion he was giving away a deal of weight to the Hildreth horse, and it is also true that Sir Barton was in poor shape as was mentioned at the time and which has since been proven. Taking these factors into consideration, how, then, can Sir Barton be tossed unceremoniously into the discard when three-year-old titles are being issued? Surely this one defeat cannot detract materially from his championship merits when it is recalled that Purchase



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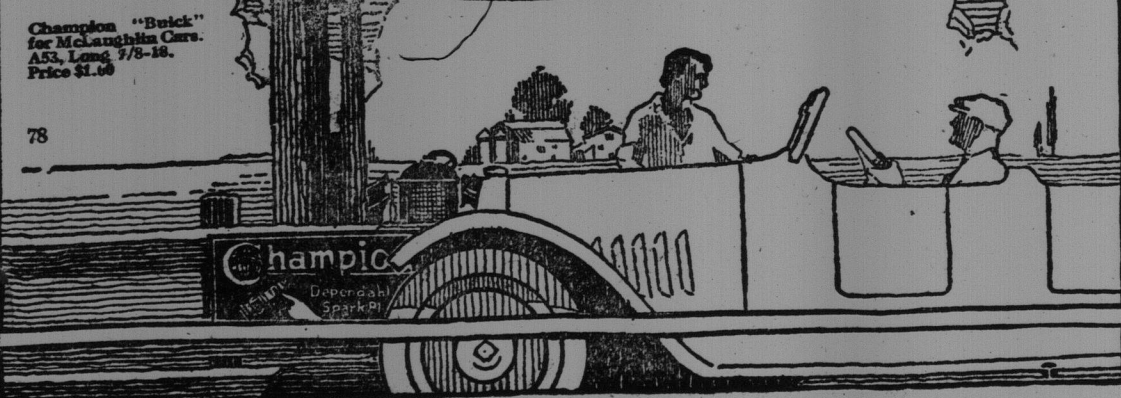
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What Canada Thinks of Her New Liberal Leader

Every Canadian will be keenly interested in the timely article in THE LITERARY DIGEST of August 30th, giving the opinions of leading Dominion publications of all political shades on the choice of W. L. Mackenzie King as leader of the Liberal Party by the recent National Convention at Ottawa.

Enthusiastic adherents of Mr. King see progress under his leadership, while his opponents consider his election a sign of reactionary domination in Liberal party councils. The Regina Leader calls him "a leader whom the younger element of progressive Liberalism will be proud to follow and fight under," whereas the Edmonton Journal does not believe that "he is the type of a successful party leader, but, again, in politics you never can tell." The Montreal Star, while admitting that "he has unquestioned ability and some useful political experience" adds that "he has not hitherto displayed qualities that excite enthusiasm, like Laurier, or that compel confidence, like Borden," and the Saskatoon Daily Star opines that "the Liberal party in this Dominion is at a low ebb when its strongest candidate for the premiership is a man who owes his election as leader to the fact that he opposed conscription."

Other articles of compelling interest in this number of "The Digest" are:

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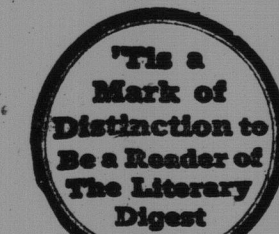
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