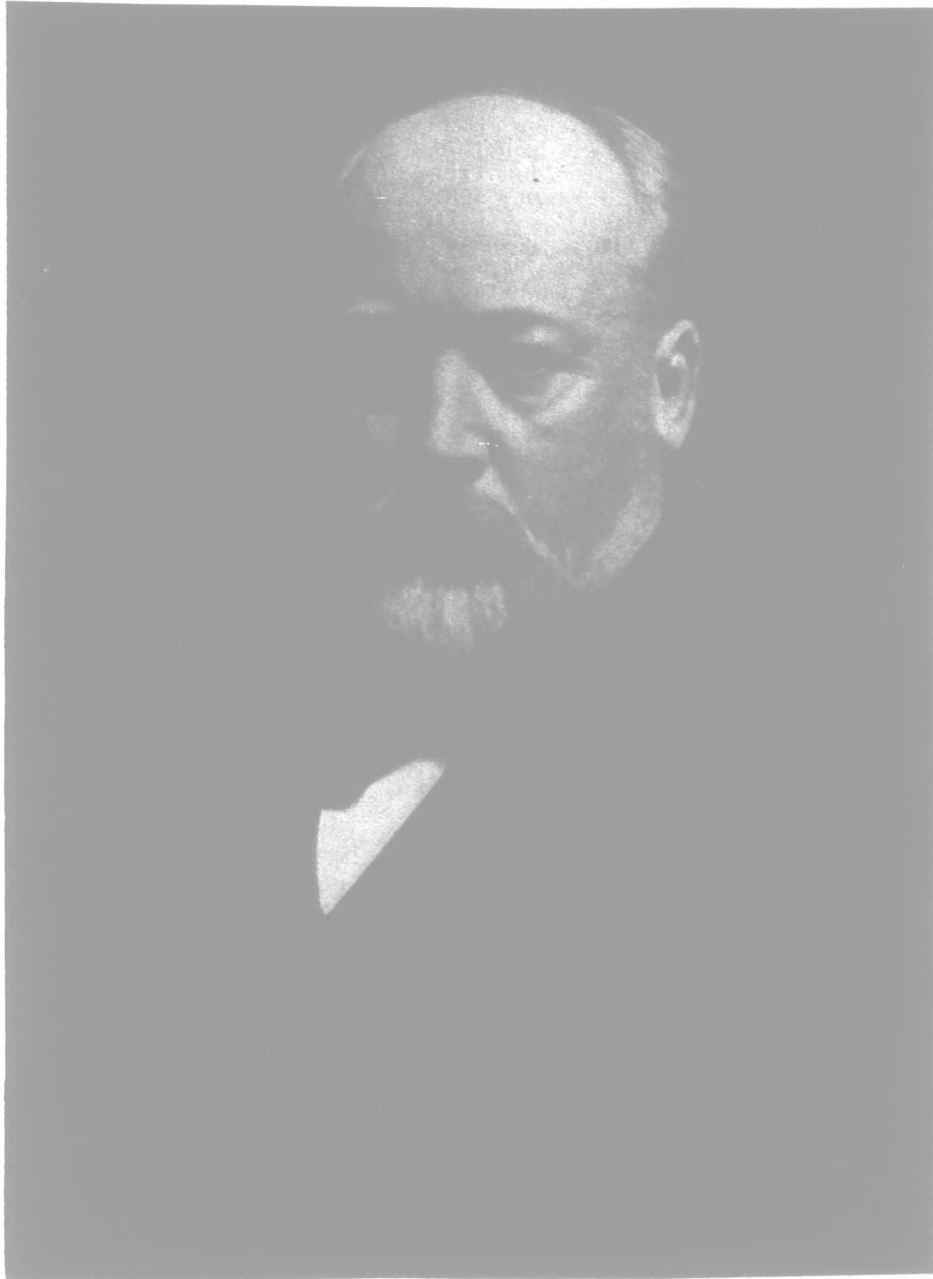


Lord Dundonald, Canada's Military Chief.

Douglas Mackinnon Baillie Hamilton Cochrane, better known as Lord Dundonald, whose portrait we give in this issue, is the twelfth holder of the Earldom first created in 1669. He comes of a fighting family. His grandfather, known in history as Lord Cochrane, distinguished himself in destroying the great Napoleon's fleet in the Basque Roads in 1809. He was also much in evidence in the wars for the independence of Chili and Peru a few years later. The subject of this sketch is in the prime of life, having been born 50 years ago (29th Oct., 1852). He is a military man of note, and has had much experience in real warfare in various parts of the world. Entering the Second Life Guards in 1870, he served in the Nile expedition of 1884-85, in which the Canadian voyageurs did such signal service, and was mentioned in the despatches. Promotion after promotion came to him. From 1895 to 1899 he was Colonel commanding the Second Life Guards, and when the war in South Africa broke out he was given the command of the South Natal Field force, before Colenso and elsewhere. Afterwards, he commanded the Second Cavalry Brigade at the relief of Ladysmith, and subsequently the combined 300 Mounted and Natal Volunteer Brigades, clearing Natal of the enemy, and then taking command of the 300 Mounted Brigade operations which were so effective in bringing the war to a close in the Transvaal. In his two years' service in South Africa, Lord Dundonald had much to do with the Canadian Mounted Rifles and the Strathcona Horse. They were under his especial command, and he has invariably spoken highly of their merit as citizen soldiers. He was himself promoted to the position of Major-General for distinguished services in these operations, and he well deserved it. Canadians generally, and especially the militia force, were well pleased when they learned early last summer that Lord Dundonald had been prevailed upon to accept the position of Commander of the Dominion Militia. He took hold of the position in July, and has made a very favorable impression. He is, as his published addresses show, thoroughly seized of the military necessities of Canada, and is likely to give cordial co-operation to the Government in promoting the efficiency of the force under his command, without unduly increasing the expenditure. The Major-General lays much stress on the thorough education of the officers—commissioned and non-commissioned—of the various corps, but he never loses sight of the practical training of the men, and of developing among them self-reliance, common sense and reason in emergencies, which, by the way, were qualities lamentably deficient among many of the regular force that operated in South Africa. Lord Dundonald begins well, and we are sure the people of Canada wish him a most successful term. He will find Sir Frederick Borden a reasonable civil government chief. The Major-General is happily married to a Welsh heiress, who was Miss Winnifred Hesketh, and their home is at the romantically situated Gwyrch Castle, Abergele, North Wales. They have a charming family of five—two sons and three daughters. His heir is Lord Cochrane.

The C. P. R. has engaged Mr. W. W. Hubbard to travel through the districts of the Maritime Provinces served by that railway to lecture on live-stock husbandry, apple-growing, potato-growing, and model road-making.



You very truly
W. C. Van Horne

Football Described.

A Bowdoinham farmer saw the Bates-Bowdoin game at Brunswick the other day, says the Hartford Courant. A neighbor asked him about it. "Nothin' to tell," he said. "Just let twenty big hogs out on a soft field any day, and then throw down a peck or so of corn in a sack, and see 'em go for it, and you'll know 'bout what a game of football looks like to a farmer."

It was a Maysville negro preacher who, needing the money, said: "Brethren, we will now staht de box, an' fo' de glory ob heaven, which ebber ob you stole Mr. Jones' turkey will please not put anything in hit."

And every man in the congregation contributed.

Sir Wm. C. Van Horne.

Sir William Cornelius Van Horne, K. C. M. G., Chairman of the C. P. R. Board of Directors, was born in Will County, Ill., February 3rd, 1843; the son of Cornelius Covenhoven Van Horne. Educated at common schools, in 1857 he entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railway, and in 1858 joined the Michigan Central Railway Company. Here he served until 21 years of age, when he accepted an appointment as ticket agent and telegraph operator on the Chicago & Alton Railway. He was afterwards dispatcher for three years, for one year superintendent of the telegraph and for three years divisional superintendent of the road. Rising in service, his merits became known, and in 1872 he was offered the position of General Manager of the St. Louis, Kansas City & Northern Railway. From there he went, in 1874, to the Southern Minnesota Railway, as its General Manager. The line was then in the hands of the receiver, but he extricated it from its financial difficulties. His success was rewarded by the presidency of the Company. In 1878 he returned to the Chicago & Alton Railway, and accepted the position of General Manager, at the same time retaining the presidency of the other line. Ten years later he was called to the position of General Superintendent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, at that time the most extensive one in the United States. He entered upon this office January 1st, 1880, only to relinquish it the following year, when he was elected by the directors of the C. P. R. to take control as General Manager of what was then projected and has since become one of the greatest railway organizations in the world, and opened Western Canada to the world. The last rail was laid on the transcontinental line 54 months from its commencement.

He was a poor boy, and upon the loss of his father, at 14 years of age had to find employment to provide for the other members of the family. He has risen to the position he now occupies by sheer force and genius. Upon the retirement of Duncan McIntyre as Vice-President, in 1884, he took that office, and on the retirement of Lord Mt. Stephen, Sept., 1888, he became President. In 1894 he was created a K. C. M. G. by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, in recognition of his services in this portion of the Empire. Relinquishing the more active direction of C. P. R. affairs, he became Chairman of the Board of Directors. During a still later period, he has been engaged in the regeneration of Cuba's railway interests, his line there being recently opened for traffic. An artist, a literary critic, as well as a far-seeing railway chief, he will be sixty years old in February, and if one can judge by our photogravure, the wish of the "Farmer's Advocate" that he will yet build a few more railways, may certainly be realized.

Get Married.

Rev. Mr. Milligan, of Toronto, Ont., in a recent address, quoted Tennyson's "Princess" as conveying the ideal of the married state. He declared that married life is the normal state of man and woman. Every man should, he said, seek out a woman to be his helpmeet, not of frivolous character, who marries to have a good time, but one who has the ministerial, not the magisterial, spirit, and that union would be blessed. The preacher exhorted the single man to look out for such a woman, and the single woman to look out for an earnest, loving, sensible and level-headed man for her husband.



SIR WM. VAN HORNE'S FARMSTEADING, EAST SELKIRK, MAN.