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**THE NEW JUSTICE**  
Members of the legal profession as well as hundreds of personal friends and admirers throughout the province and Dominion will extend hearty congratulations today to Mr. Justice Oswald S. Crockett of the King's Bench division, Supreme Court of New Brunswick, the popular member for York county having received notice yesterday of his appointment to that exalted position in the judiciary of the province.

The new judge has long enjoyed a career of distinction quite in keeping with the record and traditions of his family. His father William Crockett, LL.D. was formerly Chief Superintendent of Education of New Brunswick and played an important part in the educational development of the province. Mr. Justice Crockett, though still a young man, has been remarkably successful both in his profession and in the broader field of politics. He was admitted an attorney in 1891 and a barrister the following year. His political debut was made in the general election of 1904, when he was returned for York county by a majority of 162, redeeming for the Conservative party what was then a Liberal seat. The popularity of the new representative was manifest by his election in the campaign of 1908 by a majority of \$69 and in 1911 by 1,669. In the House of Commons he was regarded as a ready debater, fluent and forceful in address.

To his new office he brings a broad judicial mind, well stored with legal lore, a high character, a calm dignity of demeanor and a knowledge of human nature which will enable him to worthily uphold the best traditions of the New Brunswick bench. The Standard heartily joins today in extending felicitations to His Honor Judge Crockett.

**THE ROYAL LINE.**  
While the president of the Canadian Northern Railway expresses himself quite plainly to the effect that Halifax is the choice of winter ports for the steamers of the Royal Line, it must be remembered that behind his statement is the life long desire of the C. N. R. to purchase the Intercolonial Railway. It is hardly possible that Sir William's ambition in this line will be gratified, at least not during the tenure of office of the present Government, which holds the idea that the I. C. R. should not be disposed of to any private corporation. Unable to buy the I. C. R., or at least to make a satisfactory arrangement for running rights over it, it is not impossible that the Canadian Northern might turn their eyes to St. John as an Atlantic terminus. While there is even a remote possibility of this it should be the duty of those in authority to make this port so attractive to the newcomers that they would prefer to do business here rather than elsewhere.

In the St. John of the future, under the policy of port development, which Hon. Robert Rogers has assured us the Borden Government is prepared to carry out, there will be accommodation for all the railways that can come to us. The arrival of the Royal George yesterday marked an excellent beginning of business relations with a new and powerful transportation organization. Who can forecast what may result from that beginning? The splendid steamers of the Royal Line are very welcome and The Standard is but expressing the general wish when we say we hope to see them often.

**BY-ELECTIONS TOMORROW.**  
The elections of South Lanark, Ontario, and MacDonald, Manitoba, will go to the polls tomorrow to select the men to represent them in the Canadian Parliament for the balance of the electoral term. Outside of the ridings affected there is little general interest in either contest, and local issues have been canvassed to such an extent, particularly in South Lanark, that it is doubtful if the result will afford much of a criterion of the trend of public opinion on the larger questions of the day.

The contest in South Lanark will be three-cornered between Dr. Hanna, the regular nominee of the Conservative party; Col. Balderson, who represents a disaffected Conservative minority, and whose presence in the contest is the result of pique at his failure to land the regular nomination; and Arthur Hawkes, who represents himself as leading a Canada First party, and is as much at odds with the Liberals as with the Conservatives. There is no straight opposition candidate in the field, the Grit machine being frightened away by the enormous majorities always returned in the riding in favor of the Conservative candidate, no matter what the political complexion of the government at Ottawa.

The seat was vacated by the death of Hon. J. G. Haggart, who had represented the riding since 1872, and who in 1911 had a majority of 1,167 votes. With three candidates, none of them

**DIARY OF EVENTS**

**HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA**

One of the most pathetic and melancholy incidents in Canadian history was the sudden death, nineteen years ago today, of Sir John Thompson, which occurred at Windsor Castle almost immediately after the eminent Canadian statesman and jurist had left the presence of his revered Queen. On the day of his death Sir John was sworn in as a member of the Imperial Privy Council, and then paid his respects to Victoria. His heart, gladdened by the gracious words of the Queen he had served so well, beat high with elation for the future, and he then still forever. The Premier had worn himself out by unceasing toil, and in the Autumn of 1894 he sailed away for a needed rest. His brief holiday extended to Italy and England, and it was confidently believed at home that Sir John would return to his duties refreshed and rejuvenated in body and mind. The tragic suddenness of his death shocked Canadians to the uttermost, and political friends and foes vied with each other in paying tributes of respect to the dead statesman. After solemn services in England, the body was placed on board the warship Blenheim, and was conveyed to Halifax, where the body was buried. Halifax was the native city of Sir John, and it was in the Nova Scotia city that he began his public career as reporter, lawyer, Provincial Attorney-General, Conservative leader and judge of the Supreme Court. He entered national politics in 1885 as Minister of Justice.

**THE PASSING DAY**

A MEXICAN FEAST DAY.  
Not even the grim business of revolution is permitted to interfere with the observance by Mexicans of the festival of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and tens of thousands of pious pilgrims will lay aside their arms today to make a brief observance before the sacred shrine. For nearly four centuries the twelfth of December has been the great religious holiday of Mexico, and the congress of the republic has observed the day by the holding of a national holiday. Millions of prayers will be uttered today beseeching the intervention of the holy Virgin of Guadalupe, patron saint and protectress of Mexico, in the affairs of unhappy Mexico. While rival leaders struggle for military and political supremacy, leaving honest folk to defend themselves as best they may against a scourge of cruel and rapacious bandits, the great masses of Mexican people pray only for a return of peace and comparative prosperity and security. The pious petitions of the persecuted and poverty-stricken people will ascend today from thousands of kneeling figures gathered in the great cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The magnificent church that is Mexico's national shrine is in a suburb of the capital. It is alleged that the cathedral marks the spot where, in the year 1531, the Virgin appeared to an Indian peasant, Juan Diego. The Virgin, according to the legend, directed Juan to go to the Bishop and make known to him that she desired to have a church erected on that spot. The Indian was unable to obtain an audience with the archbishop, and the following day he returned to Guadalupe, which, before the introduction of Christianity into Mexico, had been the site of a native temple dedicated to the worship of the Goddess of the Corn. The Virgin appeared again to Juan, and again the Bishop refused to see the Indian. In the third day of December Juan Diego for the third time beheld the apparition of the Virgin. On this occasion she imprinted on the blanket of the Indian a marvellous image of her face, and this proof so availed the Bishop that he immediately ordered a church erected at Guadalupe in honor of the patroness of New Spain. What is declared to be the original blanket is still preserved in the cathedral, and before it thousands of pilgrims from all over the republic kneel down and pray on each twelfth of December. The jewels and decorations in the cathedral shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the gifts of wealthy pilgrims, are said to be worth millions of dollars. The marble altar is a work of art that has been carved in America, and the edifice contains a silver railing weighing twenty-six tons.

Near the cathedral is the Chapel of the Little White Convent, where whose waters are said to possess magical healing properties. Hundreds of crutches testify to the truth of this belief. Guadalupe Day, in a happier period of Mexico's history, was celebrated with all sorts of dances, games and sports, but since Mexico has been plunged into the turmoil of constant revolution the festival has assumed a more serious and distinctly religious character. Altars, loaves and in Dainty Boxes. Also Hard Baked and Cream Mixtures. : : :  
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**FIRST THINGS**

The first extended dictionary of the English language was published in 1755, and represented the monumental labor of Samuel Johnson, who died 129 years ago today, Dec. 13, 1784. His dictionary, which occupied many years of his life, was perhaps the most remarkable work of his kind ever produced by a single person. Noah Webster's American dictionary was first published in 1828, and Worcester's English dictionary appeared in 1860. The first collation of Greek was published in 1828, and Worcester's English dictionary appeared in 1860. The first collation of Greek was published in 1828, and Worcester's English dictionary appeared in 1860. The first collation of Greek was published in 1828, and Worcester's English dictionary appeared in 1860.

**IN LIGHTER VEIN**

**Spelled it All.**

"Fancy you grumbling about your food! I thought you said that your housekeeper cooked so well!"  
"Yes, but I married her and now we keep a cook!"—London Opinion.

**Court Humor.**

Judge—Have you ever seen the prisoner at the bar?  
Witness—Never, your honor; but I've seen him when I've strongly suspected he'd been at it.

**Less Costly Alternative.**

Doctor—You should take three or four eggs daily for a month to build you up.  
Patient—But, doctor, I cannot afford that.

**Wheeler is Well Named.**

Gibbs—Did you succeed in raising the other ten you needed to pay your tailor?  
Dibbs—Haug it all, no! I boned Wheeler for it, but before I could get away from him he'd borrowed the ten I'd got from you.

**Your Hat, What's Your Hurry?**

A flippant young woman remarks that her father can turn out bachelors great deal quicker than any college. He doesn't do it by degrees, she says. He begins the graduation exercises promptly at 11 p. m., and they are always finished two minutes later.

**Overheard After School.**

"What's the matter, Tommy?"  
"Oh, I'm tired of school. I'd like to go to bed for a week."  
"Why, how's that?"  
"Well, you see, I'm in a very awkward position. I was next to the boy at the bottom of the class—and he's left."—Manchester Guardian.

**Close Quarters.**

"Atkins," said the sergeant angrily, "why haven't you shaved this morning?"  
"Ain't I shaved?" asked Atkins, in apparent surprise.  
"No you're not!" insisted the sergeant. "And I want to know why."  
"Well, you see, sergeant," replied the soldier, "there was a dozen of us using the same mirror, and I must have shaved some other man."—Saturday Journal.

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