



SIR WILLIAM WILSON MITCHELL, C.M.G.

Sir W. W. Mitchell, C.M.G., senior partner of Messrs. Darley, Butler & Co., the Sun Life of Canada's general agents in Ceylon, has always taken an active part in promoting the welfare of the Island. He represented the Chamber of Commerce (of which he was chairman as far back as 1869) for over twenty years in the Legislative Council of Ceylon. He further represented the commercial interests of the Island at the Paris Exposition of 1900. He was made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in 1895, and in 1900 he received the honor of knighthood from Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.



Messrs. Darley, Butler & Co.

The firm of Darley, Butler & Co., the representatives of the Sun Life of Canada for

Ceylon, was founded in 1847, by the late Mr. E. J. Darley and Mr. Samuel Butler, both of whom had previously been partners in the old planting firm of Ackland, Boyd & Co. In 1863 Mr. W. W. Mitchell (now Sir W. W. Mitchell, C.M.G.) joined the firm, and he, with Mr. J. F. Headrick and Mr. W. E. Mitchell, are now the resident partners.

In addition to a general import and export business, the firm has always embraced estate, shipping, insurance and other agencies.

Since the introduction of tea into Ceylon, the firm has made this a speciality, and they are large buyers and shippers to all countries. Canada is now one of Ceylon's best customers both for black and green teas, and the firm is regularly shipping to all the more important Canadian centres.

The firm also ships cardamoms, cinnamon, cocoa, cocoanut oil, copra, copra cake and plumbago, as well as the minor products of the Island.

The coaling of steamers is now an important business at Colombo, and the firm has a depot for the regular supply of best Bengal coal.

The home correspondents of the firm are Darley & Butler, Billiter Square Building, London, E. C.



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