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WHILE the feelings of our hearts rising in response to the pulsations of sympathy for the remaining ones, and honor for one of the greatest, grandest, noblest men that has ever graced Her Majesty's dominions, we regret that in this the first issue of our Magazine, we are in duty called upon to narrate our country's loss in the death of Sir John A. McDonald; who for fifty years has been a successful leader in the political economy of our country, and has lent his influence to further the industries and promote the prosperity of the Canadian Dominion. He was a man signally and pre-eminently qualified to weigh the pros and cons before deciding how to act, in order to enhance the financial interests of the country.

He possessed a mind rich with all the knowledge pertaining to the execution of the office of premier which he so faithfully, successfully, and deservedly maintained. History, science, constitutional law and parliamentary rule, were his possessions, to use at will. His words were keen and penetrating, and being possessed with a fund of practical common sense he might be termed "A born leader of men;" knowing how and when to speak, and what to say. Though his labors now are ended, the good he has done remains, and is ours to enjoy. And whilst we mourn the loss of another noble spirit who has departed from us, may we make the best use of every principle which he has shown us, every noble word and deed which he has done and said for our country's good. Expressing our warmest sympathies for the sorrowing wife and children, we trust that the seed sown by our noble chieftain, will continue to bring forth unto the harvest of our National prosperity, until others who may come after us shall learn the worth of him whose loss we mourn to day.—Ed.