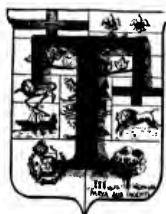


The Macdonald Memorial.



IF Canada had lost a great statesman when Sir John A. Macdonald died was universally realized. His name will always be rightfully associated with the foundation of the progress of united Canada. Abroad as well as at home he was recognized as an able and a representative leader—as one among the great leaders of his day.

Among those who were his personal friends the desire to fittingly mark his memory quickly took practical form; those who had opposed his policy acquiesced, as knowing that monuments to greatness not only commemorate the dead but stimulate national confidence and pride, and awaken emulation in the living.

Sir John had many warm friends in Hamilton, and shortly after his death a movement was set on foot to erect a monument to his memory. The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to see about the raising by popular subscription of the money needed, and to make all necessary arrangements:

Hon. W. E. Sanford, President; A. G. Ramsay, Wm. Hendrie, Vice-Presidents; John Knox, Treasurer; C. R. Smith, Secretary; Geo. Roach, J. M. Lottridge, Adam Brown, John Milne, F. Fitzgersld, B. E. Charlton, Alex. Turner, J. J. Mason, Geo. E. Tuckett, John A. Bruce, Eli Van Allen, J. J. Scott, Alex. Gartshore, M. Leggat, W. A. Robinson.

The object before the committee was recognized as so worthy, and was so in accord with the feelings of liberal-minded Canadians, that their appeal met with hearty response. Arrangements were rapidly completed, and the commission for executing a statue of Sir John was given to George E. Wade, a talented young sculptor, of London, England. The work was admirably done. The statue, which is cast in bronze, is of heroic proportions—eight feet three inches in height. Sir John, with closely-buttoned frock coat, is represented standing in an easy posture, with the right hand slightly extended, and an animated but benignant expression on his face, as if he were in the act of addressing a sympathetic audience, and about to get off one of his quaint witticisms. The likeness is an excellent one, and the pose of the figure is easy and natural.

The statue arrived in Hamilton the 10th of last March; but, as it was thought becoming that Sir John's successor in office should unveil the statue, the ceremony of the unveiling had to be postponed until after the