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LORD STRATHCONA PASSED AWAY IN LONDON

LORD STRATHCONA IS DEAD IN LONDON AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS, AGED 94

Canadian High Commissioner Was Taken Ill a Few Days Ago, and No Hope Was Held Out for His Recovery, on Account of His Advanced Age.

He Failed Rapidly After the Death of Lady Strathcona.

A cable from London announces the death of Lord Strath-cona, Canadian high commissioner, at his residence, 28 Grosve-nor Square. Since Saturday last, when the attending physician, Sir Thomas Barlow, announced that his lordship was in a critical condition as a result of catarrhal illness, practically no hope had been felt of his recovery, owing to his advanced age, 94, and his enfeebled condition since the recent death of Lady Strathcona. Bulletins since then had given no reason for hopefulness.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS GIVEN AWA TO CHARITY BY LORD STRATHCONA

He Was One of the Most Remarkable Men in the World, and Rose From an Obscur e Scotch Lad to Be a Power in Finance, and Was Reputed to Be Worth From Fifty to a Hundred Million Dollars.

Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal was the world's oldest multi-millionaire, the British Empire's most prominent railroad builder, the British Bry Company of which he was governor, brought him into the politics of Canada. His apparently hopeless aire, the British Empire's most pro-House of Lord's oldest peer, the City of Montreal's leading citizen, Canada's greatest financier, optimist and philanthropist, and the senior member of the overseas high commissioners and agents-general at the seat of empire, seat with the Canadian law-makers.

His political creed was a disregard for he having represented the Dominion of Canada in London since 1896.

Lord Strathcona's career reads like a romance. Born of Highland parentage, the son of a saddler, he made the prediction as plain as Donaid Alexander Smith to his cousin, now Lord Mount Stephen, then a herd laddie, that as there were no lairds in Canada to lord it over man, he would leave for British NorthAmerica to tempt fortune and win a competency. Accordingly, as a raw youth of 18, he set sail for the west years before Horace Greely was known, and rose to be the wealthiest citizen of Canada and one

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STRATHCONA'S LIFE

nes are closely identified with the neer days in Canada, Donald Alexander Smith came from Scotland to hew, almost in a literal sense, his way to fortune. Born in Archieston in 1820, his parents being Alexander Smith and Barbara, daughter of Donald Stuart, Leanball, he at an early age foll, the live thteen came to Canada. This was in 1838, a year after Queen Victoria had ended the throne and at a time when Lord Durham was governor-general of British North America. He did not make Hudson Bay Company. He was stationed on arrival at Mingen Island on the inespitable Labrador coast and for thireen years in that lonely land, icebound er part of the year, he pursued his work ith unfailing perseverance and that

At this period a post in the service of the Hudson Bay Company was on a par with appointments to the East India Company's service. Positions of the kind were regarded as highly desirable and attracted the adventurous sons of many of the best of the middle-class of Bri-tain.

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A Study in Personality by T.P. O'Connor, M.P.

T. P. O'Connor, M.P., writing of Lord great Hudson Bay Company, amassed some wealth, and had be strathcona on his ninetieth birthday, ed enough of the young lad to varied, most brilliant and most beneficent careers of our time. The masnot soft and silken, but strong and rugged, the eyebrows snow-white, and bristling and protuberant, the firm mouth and the robust frame, all proclaim one of the born hard to remember. The when this young growing took his first voyage to extended to forty to fifty the vessel, considered respectable size at the time, leaders of men.

The quickness and alertness of the mind of this nenagenarian, the rapidity Lor with which he goes right straight to the heart of any subject, his judgment so well balanced, all afford some explanation of his marvelous life.

Softness and Sweetness.

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It was in Forres—known to us all as the scene of most of the great episodes in Macbeth—that Donald Smith sone of these parents, first saw the light. He was lucky in his place of birth—for it gave the opportunity of getting an excellent education; he was luckier in some of his relation—ships—for the brother of his mother had already been in the service of the (Centinued on Page 3, Celumn

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