

**H. F. GADSBY'S
OTTAWA LETTER**

Ottawa, June 4—The wise boys are guessing that there must have been warm language between Sir Rodmond Roblin and Hon. Robert Rogers when they met on neutral ground in Toronto a few days ago.

Sir Rodmond has been the Honorable Bob's benefactor from the beginning of his political life and naturally the Honorable Bob doesn't see why he couldn't have gone on being a benefactor by hanging on a little longer in Manitoba. Once a benefactor, always a benefactor—that is Bob's motto, and he believes that benefactors should live up to it even at some slight disadvantage to themselves. At all events it was a particularly bad time for Sir Rodmond to spill the beans.

Sir Rodmond had been under good advice from the Honorable Bob and others for months past but none of his advisers expected him to do what he did. Their advice to Sir Rodmond was that he should resign and let his colleagues form a new cabinet with a new premier and thus avoid handing the Government over to the Liberals. Sir Rodmond's colleagues thought very well of that plan, and the Honorable Bob, hot foot from Ottawa, pressed it on him from time to time, but Sir Rodmond figured that it would make him the goat and raised objections.

Finally he became real peeved and said "Just for that you'll get off." He resigned, as it were, in a body, taking his colleagues with him. It was the neatest thing in the way of a double cross since Samson sacrificed himself to destroy the Philistines. Ever since this signal act of revenge Sir Rodmond has been able to take a philosophical view of Manitoba politics. His interviews with Liberal newspaper reporters are full of human kindness toward Premier Norris whom he wishes long life and prosperous statesmanship. In fact it almost appears as if he would rather have Premier Norris on the job than his own friends who might malign him if they remained in office and he didn't. Absence, as the poet aptly puts it, makes the hammer stronger.

Everything Sir Rodmond has said since he resigned sounds like a benediction to public life but it would not surprise anybody if he would swing into the bigger game at Ottawa, instead of enjoying the comfortable sunset to which he is entitled. His being a Manitoba discard would be no real argument against him because the present administration at Ottawa has a lenient feeling toward discards. It wasn't so long ago, for example, that Sir Richard McBride was being broached for a cabinet position at Ottawa, and doubtless Sir Richard would have landed if it hadn't been for his adventures with Attorney General Bowser, and the two submarines. Sir Richard's work with the two submarines was careless, if it wasn't coarse, and spoiled his chances. Finesse is what the situation demands—finesse that will defy the best efforts of the Public Accounts Committee. Anybody, as short on finesse as Sir Richard McBride, could never get along at Ottawa.

Sir Rodmond Roblin, on the contrary, has shown great deftness in getting out of his troubles. He has not only got out himself but he has left his friends holding the bags and has displayed qualities which prove that he has nothing to learn even from the Honorable Robert Rogers. Indeed there are those who say that the Honorable Bob learned his trade from Sir Rodmond, and that the master can still teach the public a trick or two. Be that as it may, the Honorable Bob hasn't the same reputation as a Frankenstein with Sir Rodmond, as he has with other

people who don't know him so well. If he is a Frankenstein then Sir Rodmond created him and familiarity breeds contempt. It is being recalled that, when the Honorable Bob, in the reciprocity of 1911, was made responsible and delivered the goods from Winnipeg to the Rookies, Sir Rodmond was jealous and had to be made a knight as an offset to Bob's getting the big job at Ottawa.

The feeling which actuates both Sir Rodmond and the Honorable Bob is that ingratitude is sharper than a serpent's tooth and consequently each is very much ashamed of the other. Sir Rodmond naturally remembers that he made Bob the right hand man of his real estate government and that Bob rose with the real estate while he, Sir Rodmond, remained to decline and fall with it. Bob was a very lucky man to be a member of a real estate government when real estate was booming. He shared in the era of expansion, helped to keep it expanded, in fact, by his personal and official influence which went on soaring even after the town lots had fallen behind. Bob soared sky high and came out of the clouds with a silver lining which is going to be a great comfort to his old age.

Sir Rodmond remembers all that and naturally puts it down to himself, forgetting the element of luck and Bob's own merits as a farsighted, forehanded man, who knew what was going to happen next and was generally on the spot when a shower of blessing was scheduled to bust in Winnipeg or any of the other town lot centres of activity. Sir Rodmond, knowing how the game was played naturally feels that one real estate operator makes as good a minister of Public Works as another. What he fails to take into account is the Honorable Bob's personal charm. He has made a great hit with the back benches, not as an orator, for he talks like a scrambled egg, but as a hale fellow and a splendid promiser. He never sends a member of Parliament, even a Grit one, empty away. If kind words never die, Bob is going to live a long life. Sir Rodmond could never fill that part of the job. He is too irritable.

Meanwhile the Honorable Bob looks wistfully at the Canadian High Commission in London. As a wicked partner his ability is impugned, as Minister of Elections he is a distinct failure, as upholder of tottering governments he showed signs of strain—if it wasn't for leaving Major General Sam. Hughes a free field he might be tempted to move on.

Death of Mrs. James Robinson

At midday on May 20, Margaret, widow of the late James Robinson of East Glassville, passed away peacefully. She and her husband were early settlers in East Glassville having come out from Ireland about sixty-five years ago, the former from the town of Ballycastle, County Donegal, and the latter from the neighboring County, Fermanagh. Mrs. Robinson has been living with her son and

daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Lindsay Robinson, East Glassville, not from the side of the old log house where she resided for many years. Up till Friday the 14th inst. she was in the enjoyment of good health having all her faculties well preserved for one who in a short time would have attained the ripe old age of eighty four years. She had a very retentive memory and could recall the names of

some of the places and people she had known in the Old Country. Her great delight was to meet and converse with anyone who could refer to the place she came from. For Mrs. Robinson the end came simply. Medical skill was called upon but the fiat was that her days were numbered. So she has passed away trusting in the God of her fathers and in her Saviour. Six daughters and two sons mourn her demise. Mrs. Ritchie Rosborough of Prince William, Mrs. Carleton Dingee East Glassville, Mrs. George Perkins, Smyra Mills, Mrs. Edward Spence Glassville, Mrs. Handford Astle, Oatfield, Me., Mrs. Henry Dibblee, Levant, Me., John Lindsay Robinson, East Glassville, James Alfred Robinson, Grafton. There are numerous grandchildren, also a number of great-grandchildren. In addition to the above Mrs. Robinson leaves two brothers: Hugh Mowbray, Saltcoats, Sask. and Colonel Thomas Mowbray, Halifax, and one sister, Mrs. J. Weeks who resides in Wisconsin.

A brief service was conducted at Mr. Robinson's home by Rev. James Colhoun. A long retinue of vehicles indicative of the esteem in which the late Mrs. Robinson was held passed along to Glassville graveyard where the remains were laid to rest beside those of her husband who predeceased her about fifteen years ago.

At the service held in the Presbyterian church after the interment Rev. James Colhoun pastor spoke from the words contained in the Epistle to the Philippians, Chapter I, verse 21. "To me to live is Christ and to die is gain" and said that thus it was for her who had passed away, and thus would it be for everyone who trusted fully in Christ, the Savior.

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