

and determination, financially and in every other respect, of Mr. Smith."

In 1886, in view of the valuable services rendered to Canada and the Empire by Mr. Smith, Queen Victoria created him a Knight of St. Michael and St. George. The following year Mr. Smith re-entered politics and was elected member of the Dominion Parliament for Montreal West, and remained in office till the end of the Conservative administration. In 1889 he was appointed governor-general of the Hudson's Bay Company.

In 1896 Mr. Smith was appointed Canadian High Commissioner in London, which office he retained until his death. The following year he was raised to the peerage as Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, which title will now be transferred to his only child's eldest son.

Thus is it any wonder that the demise of such a man should silence for a time the courts of this country's legislators and evoke such universal mourning? When word of his death was received here on January twenty-first last, men of all creeds and all shades of politics forgot their difficulties and united in voicing sentiments of respect to the memory of Canada's Grand Old Man.

I have called him Canada's Grand Old Man; for such he truly was. Although born in the old land beyond the seas, the best days of his life were spent in Canada and for Canada. His great foresight enabled him from the first to realize what was in store for this country. He knew that she was destined to rank high among the nations of the world. And like Sir Chas. Tupper and Sir John A. McDonald, he struggled continually in enabling her to reach her destination.

But if Lord Strathcona held an enviable position in the political arena, his place in the financial world was no less enviable.

In 1885 he speculated in the St. Paul and the Pacific, with J. J. Hill, R. B. Angus and George Stephen, and succeeded in acquiring out of this one investment the enormous sum of eight millions of dollars. On account of his connections with the Canadian Pacific Railway he was made President of the Bank of Montreal, which office he held for ten years. In 1905 he became Honorary President of this same institution and continued as such till his death.

If in the early days of his life Lord Strathcona succeeded in amassing a large fortune, he was equally successful in his later days in proving himself to be a munificent spender of monies for