

ALWAYS TO THE FRONT.

A PORTRAIT AND SKETCH OF WEST-MORLAND'S MEMBER.

Josiah Wood M. P., Farmer, Shipbuilder, Banker, Lawyer and Politician.

Sackville, May 29.—Anyone visiting the Canadian house of commons, during its last, or any of its recent sessions, might notice, seated half way to the front, among the Conservative benches, a tall, well-built man, with brown hair—almost black—and a clever, intelligent face, which is only saved from an expression of over-keenness by a pair of bright, smiling eyes.

Mr. Wood, although generally a believer in the truth of the saying that some people should be seen and not heard, gives startling evidence, once or twice in the course of each session, that he is silent from choice and not from lack of talent.

Mr. Wood does not claim a direct descent from the royal family, and it is, doubtless, on that account that his biography has been omitted from the pages of that great monument of Canadian letters, Representative Canadians, with gleanings from the readers of Progress have been favored in the past.

The old saw, "like father, like son," seems to have applied, in a business sense at least, to Mr. Wood. His father, Mariner Wood, founded and carried on at Sackville the large mercantile business which the son is managing so successfully now, and which descended upon him as did Elijah's cloak upon Elisha.

Mr. Wood's paternal grandfather was one of the United Empire loyalists, who settled in Westmorland (then part of Nova Scotia), in 1783. His mother's maiden name was Louise C. Trueman, of Point de Bete, whose grandfather came to New Brunswick from Yorkshire, England, about the close of the last century.

When the gods love die young. As Mr. Wood has lived to the age of 46 years, it is safe to infer that he was no special favorite of the gods, notwithstanding the extreme goodness of his angel infancy.

Besides the subject of this sketch, there was another brother, the junior of the two, who would have succeeded to his father's business had he not suffered from ill health during a great part of his life.

In Sackville, at that time, only two professions were considered respectable for college graduates—law and the Methodist ministry. Mr. Wood and his classmate had so much advice given them, gratis, respecting their choice of one of these callings that they were rendered temporarily insane.

He read Blackstone, and other legal gentlemen for three years, in the office of Hon. A. L. (now Judge) Palmer, after which he was admitted an attorney. Dorchester—better known then as the "Devil's Half Acre"—was a festering mass of lawyers, and thither went Mr. Wood to swell the heap.

in the firm of M. Wood & Sons, under which name he is still conducting a very extensive wholesale business in tea, flour, English and West India goods.

Mr. Wood was quite largely interested in shipbuilding—an industry which flourished under his father, at Sackville, and which he continued to make profitable. He still owns a few vessels, and notwithstanding that the profits to be reaped from that kind of vessels have largely diminished, it is, with him, far from being a losing property.

The same year Mr. Wood opened a private banking-house, which proved as great a success as any other branch of his business, until it was transferred to the Halifax Banking company, which opened a branch in Sackville in 1882.

As the result of his various enterprises, Mr. Wood soon saw that—unless he



JOSIAH WOOD, M. P.

speedily hit upon some plan of getting rid of it—wealth would inevitably come upon him. His friends convinced him that politics was the only certain antidote, and into politics he plunged, as fearlessly as he plunged into all his enterprises.

Business continued to pour in, and in 1882 he was threatened by the same danger that he had averted in 1878, but this time in a more aggravated form. Again he sought relief in politics. Again he found it. This time he aspired to nothing less than the dominion house of commons, and his opponent was no less a man than Sir Albert J. Smith, of Dorchester, a knight, a former cabinet minister, and who had for 30 years uninterruptedly represented Westmorland county in the house of commons, in spite of the most determined efforts of the Conservatives to defeat him.

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Mr. Wood returned again to Sackville, to meditate. As the result of his meditations, he added another branch to the business—the raising of fat cattle for the English markets. This venture was as great a success as every other he had undertaken, the election of 1878 alone excepted. He now fattens from 100 to 200 head of cattle every year, besides doing a large business in the importation and breeding of thoroughbred Durham cattle, and other varieties of pure stock.

He is a large shareholder in the Moncton sugar refining company, as well as in the gas and water company of the same place, both of which companies are paying very snug dividends to their shareholders. Besides these, he owns half the stock of the N. B. and P. E. I. railway, and is very largely interested in several other enterprises, in Westmorland county and out of it, all of them, I might add, profitable speculations.

Nothing succeeds like success; and acting on that principle at the general dominion election in 1887, Mr. Wood, although opposed by all the Liberal strength of

Westmorland at the back of his opponent, Mr. Henry R. Emerson, succeeded, in seeing his former majority and raising it 110 votes. He can doubtless go one better at the next election, should he conclude to run, if indeed he be not returned by acclamation.

In addition to his "M. P.," Mr. Wood is not destitute of other titles. Max O'Rell says that nearly every American southerner is either a captain, or a colonel, and, in like manner, nearly every New Brunswicker is either a J. P. or a coroner. Mr. Wood is a J. P., but he could have been a coroner if he had wanted to. Owing to his other duties, however, he does not devote very much of his time to his ministerial duties, but on the contrary he is guilty of much neglect on that behalf. It is years since he has tried a man for sheep-stealing or for anything else, and it is said that he has even given away his copy of the consolidated statutes. I confess to having felt a thrill of the deepest disappointment, when this report first reached our ears.

Mr. Wood was also circuit steward of the Methodist church in New Brunswick, and is a very active and prominent member of that denomination. He likewise has a lien on the first Senatorial vacancy that may occur in his section of the province. He is a faithful worker for the interests of his alma mater, the university of Mount Allison, being treasurer of the board of regents, and a member of the executive committee. A few years ago, when efforts were being made to more fully endow the university, Mr. Wood generously subscribed \$10,000 to the fund,—an amount which does not by any means represent the total of his contributions towards the college exchequer. Few men give to good objects more liberally than Mr. Wood, and still fewer make as little burrah about the good that they do.

He is yet in the full prime and vigour of his manhood. He is Conservative in politics, having been converted from the Liberal ranks by the national policy, which greatly benefitted the various branches of his business. He is a fine example of an earnest, hardworking, farseeing man, who knows how to take time by the bang in order to attain the desired end. Better wear out than rust out is a ruling principle of his life. Honest dealing, with strict attention to business has gained for him an amount of this world's goods which not even politics and the most open-handed liberality have been able to dissipate. Canada has no better son, and none more true to self, friends and country.

THINGS ARE QUIET.

So Johnny Mulcahey Says—Incidents of His Holiday.

Things is quite. Ma said she's tired secin' my traps layin' round, so she put a hole box full in the stove all at once. I guess we'll have ter git a new stove, and besides there's a whole in the ceilin' right up inter the attic. Ma oughter knowed not to fool with my things at this season of the year.

Pa went out fishin' the twenty fourth. The fish what he brought didn't swell his fishin' bag much; but I guess his head was though. Any way ma's mad, 'cause she promised all the new 1st May neighbors some fish an' pa didn't get none. I hate to see our famerly go back on its word, so I caught some Tommy Cods at the wharf and 'tributed them 'round. Ma don't know what makes our neighbors so cool now. Perhaps they put the Tommy Cods on ice afore usin'.

I don't think much of the baby down stairs. It put five cents what belonged to me in its mouth and it wouldn't spit it out, so 'cause I stood on its head to see if it was goin' to roll out, it beltered like fun, and let it drop. I wouldn't only I thort its mother was goin' to reach for me first, 'cause she looked that way.

I went over to see our last years nighbors on the 20 first. Things was awful quite. Our old shoemaker was closed up too, and Bill said he was celebratin' the day out at the cemetery, showin' his famerly his first wife's grave. So we put a card on his door with "Closed on account of a death in the famerly" on it. They had lots a people up to the house to help them weep, but I guess they got disappointed, 'cause the people what lived up there told the weepers what the famerly was out to the cemetery, and the weepers was surprised 'cause they never found it out afore. So they had to weep on the door step till the people told 'em what the shoemaker's first wife did some time ago.

THE OTHER FELLOW.

How seldom do our dreams come true! The very things our fancy lets us hope in time will be our own. Some other fellow always gets.

ELECTION CARDS

Electors of the City of Saint John.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—In response to the wishes of an influential delegation of citizens, I have pleasure in appointing myself to represent you as a candidate for the office of

MAYOR.

Should I be honored by a majority of your votes, I will, to the best of my ability, assist in the completion of the organization of the enlarged city, care fully providing for the interests of all its sections.

CHAS. A. EVERETT.

To the Electors of the City of St. John.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—On TUESDAY, the 11th day of June, I shall be a Candidate for

MAYOR

of the populous and extended City of St. John.

Fully appreciating the labors and duties attendant upon the Mayor of the new city, I pledge myself, if elected, to devote my time and energies to the interest of St. John, and to the welfare of the citizens generally.

I am, your obedient servant,

GEORGE A. BARKER.

To the Electors of Wellington Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—We, the undersigned, your representatives for several years past at the civic board, return our thanks for the confidence heretofore reposed in us, and trust that our record has been such as to merit your suffrages at the elections to be held on the 4th of June inst., at which time we will be Candidates for the office of

ALDERMEN

of your Ward. Respectfully yours,

WILLIAM SHAW, THOMAS W. PETERS.

To the Electors of KING'S WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—At the solicitation of a large number of the Electors of King's Ward, we, the undersigned, have decided to allow ourselves to be nominated for

ALDERMEN.

Should we receive a majority of your votes, we pledge ourselves faithfully to perform the duties involved as your representatives in the City Council.

R. R. BARNES, FRED. BLACKADAR.

To the Electors of KING'S WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—I shall be a Candidate for the office of

ALDERMAN

at the approaching Election, and respectfully solicit a renewal of your confidence.

EDWARD LANTALUM.

To the Electors of Queens Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—I shall be a Candidate for the office of

ALDERMAN

in Queens Ward, and should I be honored by being elected to that position, I trust that my conduct will be such as to meet with your approval.

D. R. JACK.

To the Electors of Dufferin Ward.

At the request of a number of the electors of Dufferin Ward, I have consented to be nominated for the office of

ALDERMAN

in the first council of the united City of Saint John. If, as is probable, the growth of the city is to take place in your ward, an accurate survey of the land not yet built upon should be made, in order that the confusion which is so apparent in the laying out of your streets should not be extended. A greater number of lights should be furnished, both for the convenience of the citizens and for the suppression of crime. A more efficient system should be adopted for the prevention of those accidents for which the public in the past has been compelled to pay damages in actions at law. If I should be elected, I pledge my best efforts to the carrying out of these views, and the advancement of your interests in general.

THOMAS MILLIDGE.

SYDNEY WARD.

Saint John, N. B., Feb. 12, 1890.

WE, the undersigned Residents and Voters of the Sydney Ward, in the City of St. John, N. B., would nominate WM. LEWIS, Esq., of said Ward, to represent us in the Common Council as Alderman, and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to secure his election.

Signed by 85 electors.

To the Electors of Sydney Ward.

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with your requisition, asking me to allow myself to be put in nomination as a candidate for ALDERMAN at the approaching election, I beg to say that, although the matter is not of my seeking, I am entirely in your hands, and will accept with pleasure your flattering nomination. A glance at the names on your requisition convinces me that you intend to carry the election, and I am confident to leave the result in your hands, assuring you that if elected my best efforts in the future, as in the past, will always be put forward in the interest of this city, and Sydney Ward in particular.

I have the honor to be, Yours, etc.

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