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IN THE DAY'S WORK

Plain, Practical Bishop This

BISHOP FARTHING, of Montreal, is off to a good start in the race of episcopal life. Recently he presided over his first Montreal synod. His talk to the clergy was as fine a compend of common sense and inspiration as falls to the lot of that Synod to hear. He paid a tribute to his predecessors in office and discussed church union; outlined the duties of the priest and dealt with social and economic conditions. This latter was in the tail of his talk. Bishop Farthing is a practical man. He told the Montreal clergy that the city needs better water. He advocated including in the theological curriculum a course in sociology—practical present-day study of problems that the preacher is bound to meet when he leaves college.

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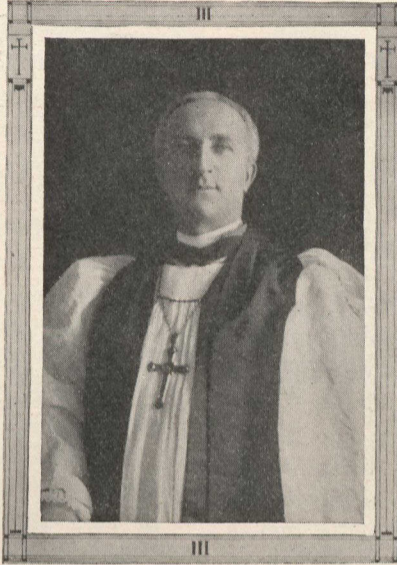
A Canadian Keltic Orator

ONE of the few untrammelled orators left in Canada is the Rev. James A. Macdonald, who on Friday of last week delivered the evening oration at the Lincoln Centenary in Chicago. For this occasion Mr. Macdonald prepared a discourse of ten thousand words. There is no doubt that every word of it was interesting to Chicago. Orators even in that western country are getting scarce. The Keltic fire and rhapsody of the *Globe's* editor is a new thing altogether out there. It is an unusual thing also for a Canadian born to be chosen for a Lincoln oration. Mr. Macdonald, however, has the qualifications for understanding Lincoln—if any Canadian has. He has seen the back country—though whether he ever split rails is not certain. He was born in Middlesex County—a fine Gaelic settlement—where in those days there were some log cabins and snake fences were on every farm. Educated at both Toronto University and Knox College, he preached for many years in Knox Church, St. Thomas, where he made his reputation as an orator. Afterwards he edited the *Westminster* and became Principal of the Westminster Ladies' College. In 1902 he became editor of the *Globe*. But he has never stopped the flow of oratory. Churches far and near have heard the burning words of the *Globe* editor. He has written editorials in Gaelic. Rumour has it that he is to go into politics. During the last general election he stumped several constituencies and had the happiest time of his life—till the other evening in Chicago when he preached about Lincoln.

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Studies His Constituents

ANOTHER of the Canadian public men in British politics is Dr. John Elsdale Molson, who is the prospective Conservative and Unionist candidate for North-east Bethnal Green. Dr. Molson was born in Montreal. He comes of a line of parliamentarians, for his father and his grandfather before him were members of the Quebec Legislature. They say of him at Bethnal Green that he represents the poor man. This is not because he is a doctor but because ever since he began his medical practice at Chelmsford, Essex, he has been studying the kind of man that makes up a large part of the constituency known as Bethnal Green; the sort of man to whom the sensational play, "The Englishman's Home," now so much talked about, would make a powerful appeal. Four years ago Dr. Molson retired from his practice at Chelmsford, Essex, and went to live at Goring Hall, near Worthing, which is in Sussex. Recently, however, he shifted again and took lodgings on Cambridge Road, where he is



Bishop Farthing
His Latest Photograph
By Notman

able to mix with the man on the street and very often the man out of a job.

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Government Brass Knuckles

SUNNY ways versus frank boldness is one of the problems of the statesmen. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is the great exponent of the one system; Sir William Mulock and Sir James Whitney have given public exhibitions of the second. The latter class has had added to it, the Hon. C. W. Cross of Alberta. He has recently prepared and brought into force a Workmen's Compensation Act which follows the British system somewhat and fixes certain payments to be made by the employers for injuries to workmen. The coal operators, who employ much labour in Alberta, have been doing a considerable amount of objecting. The other day Mr. Cross got angry because the coal operators had begun to threaten. At an Edmonton meeting he turned on them and warned them that if they went too far, the Government might consider the advisability of going into the coal business as it had gone into the telephone business. Mr. Cross, it will thus be seen, exhibits the same spirit as did Sir James Whitney when he, the other day, faced a legal deputation and plainly told them he

was going on with law reform whether they liked or whether they did not. Apparently there are some of our statesmen who follow Davy Crockett's advice: "Be sure you are right, then go ahead; but go ahead anyway."

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Sound Business Career

MR. FARQUHAR ROBERTSON is the new President of the Montreal Board of Trade. Like so many of Montreal's successful business men, he was a country lad who remembers the smell of the furrow. He was born in Glengarry County, Ontario, on April 14th, 1850. After receiving his schooling in his home county Mr. Robertson went to Montreal in 1875. At first he was identified with the lumber business. In 1880 he went into the coal business, in which he has been engaged ever since. It was in 1906 that he became a member of the Montreal Board of Trade. For two terms he served in the Council of the Board. In 1908 he was elected Vice-President and in 1909, President. He is a member of the St. James Club, Canadian Club and the Montreal Hunt Club.

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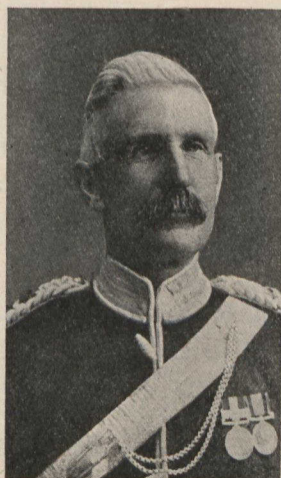
"Lay on MacDuff"

THERE is a man in Toronto who of late has been more in the eye of newspaper editors than any other man; and his name is Colonel Denison. Not long ago the Colonel—who is perhaps the greatest joint authority on police court procedure and cavalry tactics in the world—wrote a letter to the *Standard of Empire* in which he said some highly pertinent things about the Empire. The things he said are not new to the Colonel. He has been saying them in one form or other ever since he gave Mr. Chamberlain the cue for Imperial preferential trade. The Colonel has been reading the newspapers lately and finds that he is not popular with some editors. But as he

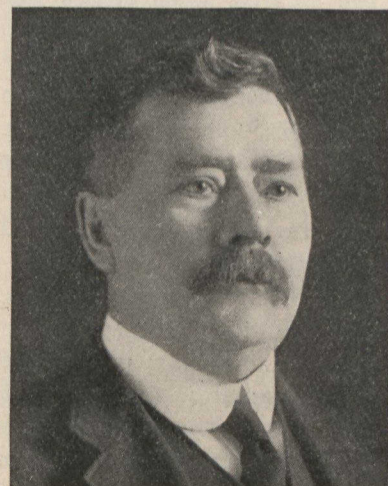
himself said the other day—an editor once told him that he was the most popular man in Canada for editors to whack at; and because he is a born soldier the Colonel rather likes to be whacked—so long as he is in the ring with a chance to hit back. When it comes to discussing the Empire there is no man—no, not even Kipling—to whom Colonel Denison will take a back seat.



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Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison
Imperialist



Mr. Farquhar Robertson
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