

HON. SIR GEORGE A. DRUMMOND, K.C.M.G.

The Honorable Sir George Alexander Drummond, K.C.M.G., Member of the Senate of the Dominion of Canada, was born at Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1829. He was educated at the famous Edinburgh High School, and at Edinburgh University, and came to Canada in 1854 to assume the practical and technical management of the extensive sugar refinery established at Montreal by the late John Redpath. In 1879, after the institution of the National Policy, of which Sir George Drummond had been a strong supporter, he founded the Canada Sugar Refining Company to take over and extend the Redpath plant, becoming President of the Company, and retaining that position ever since. A man of many parts, he has for long wielded a powerful influence in public and commercial circles in Montreal. He was elected a director of the Bank of Montreal, the chief financial institution of Canada, in 1882, and has been Vice-President of that bank since 1887. Sir George Drummond is Chairman of the Banking and Commerce Committee of the Senate. In 1884 and 1885 he held the position of Vice-President of the Montreal Board of Trade, and in 1886 and 1888 that of President, and it was largely due to his untiring efforts in that direction that the port of Montreal was freed by the Government from the burden of deepening the St. Lawrence channel below the city. He was one of the originators of the Citizens' League of Montreal, an organization established to secure as economical and pure an administration of municipal affairs as possible, and which has had a considerable measure of success. At the general elections of 1872 he contested Montreal West in the Conservative interest, but was defeated by the late Hon. John Young. He was called to the Senate in 1877, and is considered one of the most influential members of that body. Sir George Drummond is keenly interested in the development of the natural resources of Canada, and has especially identified himself with the mining and agricultural industries. He was the first President of and intimately connected with the development of the Intercolonial Coal Mining Company, of Pictou, Nova Scotia, whose mine, the

Drummond Colliery, is named after him, and now is President of the Company engaged in operating the big coal mines at Springhill, Nova Scotia. He maintains a beautifully situated and well-equipped model stock farm for thoroughbred cattle and sheep in the west end of the Island of Montreal, near Beaconsfield. Sir George is also a generous patron and keen connoisseur of art. For several years he held the position of President of the Art Association of Montreal, and possesses in his city residence, on Sherbrooke Street, one of the best private art collections in America. He has been in the intervals of serious affairs a keen sportsman, a good shot, and salmon fisher, and is a devoted lover of the game of golf. He was elected President of the Canadian Golf Association in 1895. Sir George Drummond has devoted much attention to charitable work. He founded, at his sole expense, the St. Margaret's Home for Incurables, on Sherbrooke Street, maintained under the management of the Sisters of St. Margaret, and accommodating about sixty patients, and he is a trustee of the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Sir George Drummond was created Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George by His Majesty King Edward VII., June 24th, 1904, the day observed as His Majesty's birthday, the knighthood being conferred in recognition of Sir George's services to Canada in his public and commercial life. The news of the honor conferred upon Sir George was received with universal satisfaction from one end of Canada to the other, and upon the occasion of the new knight's first appearance as such in the Chamber of the Senate of Canada, his fellow members on both sides of the House united to pay him the honor of a warm reception.

Sir George Drummond was married in 1857 to Helen, daughter of the late John Redpath, who died in 1881. In 1881 he was married to Grace Julia, daughter of the late A. Davidson Parker, Montreal. Sir George Drummond is a member of the St. James and Mount Royal Clubs, Montreal; the Rideau Club, Ottawa; the Reform Club of London, England; and the Manhattan Club, New York.