

sides enriching the literature of his profession, he has written much on other scientific subjects, in which his close application to his medical studies has not prevented him from becoming well versed. His professional and literary labors prove Sir James' vast capacity for work and almost unparalleled industry.

In politics Sir James has always been a staunch Conservative, and for the eight years during which he represented Russell County in the Dominion House, he fought the battles of his party with the best of them. To show that he possesses statesmanlike qualities, and is not merely a politician, it is sufficient to recall the fact that he was one of the first to believe in the feasibility of that great undertaking which has won for Canada a name among the nations, and has been such a unifying power among the different provinces of this vast country. Allusion is made to the great Canadian Pacific Railway. He was the first to introduce into Parliament what he called the "Pacific Railway Bill," and that at a time when most men considered the undertaking futile and utopian. He also first urged the House to consider the advisability of admitting the great North-West Territories into the Dominion of Canada, and that too at a time when that great country was commonly looked upon as a wilderness that could be of no practical benefit to the Dominion.

It is now quite a long time since Sir James withdrew from public life and devoted himself exclusively to his profession, but the old love for political fame, which, once acquired is said never to be lost, came back when at the solicitation of his Conservative friends he accepted the nomination of the city membership, left vacant by the appointment of the late member, Charles H. Mackintosh, to the governorship of the North-West Territories. Sir James was elected by acclamation, the Liberals of the city not seeing

their way clear to cope with such a strong man. He now only awaits the opening of the House to once more resume his place in Parliament, and to take part in the debates to which his long experience and thorough knowledge of the needs of the country, combined with his remarkable oratorical powers render him especially fitted.

As a public speaker, our member-elect has few peers. True to his traditions as a Highlander, he is a fighter, and never happier than when he has a sharp debater to contend with. His splendid command of language, deep knowledge of the questions of the day, and ready wit, make him a doughty opponent in debate. But although possessing all the qualifications of a good political orator, perhaps Sir James is at his best in the milder field of post-prandial effort. Whoever has heard Sir James in an after-dinner speech must envy him his easy flow of language, charm of delivery and wonderful tact in always saying the right thing in the right place.

Sir James is in religion a Presbyterian, but following the belief of his brother Scot, Burns, that "A man is a man for a' that," he considers not what religion a man professes so long as he is manly and straightforward. He received the title of K.C.M.G. in the year 1886, most likely in consideration of his services at Government House. In 1856 he married Miss Malloch, daughter of the then member for Carleton County, and their union has been blessed with twelve children.

The Owl joins with Sir James Grant's hosts of friends in congratulating him on his recent election, and hopes that Providence will give him many years yet to continue to display that ability, energy and integrity in the discharge of duty which have thus far made his career so honorable and successful.

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