

generation went on propagating pigs, children and potatoes. * * * But will any lover of his species dare to tell me that this was a system of existence to be re-established or that the thousands of energetic Irishmen on the other side of the Atlantic have not been immensely benefitted by the change."

In 1850 he was created an English Baron, and sat in the House of Lords as an hereditary Peer by the title of Lord Clandeboyne.

In 1862, he married Harriot Hamilton of Killeagh Castle, County Down, Ireland, the accomplished author of "My Canadian Journal," 1872-78, one volume, and "Our Vice-Regal Life in India," 1884-88, two volumes.

He became Governor-General for Canada in 1872, and it was universally felt that Canada can never hope to have a better, more competent, or more acceptable, governor. He and the Marchioness made a successful tour through British Columbia, on which occasion his eloquence and urbanity did much to convince our people of the vastness and natural richness of the country through which the projected Canadian Pacific Railway would traverse. In 1879, he was appointed ambassador at St. Petersburg; in 1881 at Constantinople. The following year found him in Cairo, and in November, 1884, he was made viceroy of India. In 1888, he was ambassador at Rome, where he was created Marquis of Dufferin and Ava.

With advancing years and retirement from official life came financial trouble. His native honesty made him confide in others.

The failure of a large investment company, of which he was chairman, resulting from unauthorized and unsuspected speculations on the part of its manager, besides entailing serious loss to Lord Dufferin, grieved and depressed him very much, although warmly sustained throughout by the shareholders.

Can any one read unmoved the following citations from a letter, written shortly before his death, to a friend in France?

"It is really heart-breaking. I am nearly ruined, and, of course, many other persons are involved in the same calamity. The one bright spot in the whole business is the way in which my shareholders behaved. Instead of being attacked by the audience, no sooner did I take the chair than I was met by a hurricane of cheers; and when I began to speak you might have heard a pin drop, and the only interruptions were cheers of approval, and when I sat down one would have thought that I had announced a dividend of 100 per cent., so great

was the applause, and even after I had left the room they gave 'Three cheers for Lord and Lady Dufferin.' It quite melted my heart and it enhanced my opinion of human nature. And what do you think that good fellow C——, whom you may remember, did? He asked leave to place £1,000 at Lady Dufferin's disposal, and yet he himself is a poor man. Wasn't it nice of him?"

Lord Dufferin was chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Sun Life of Canada, for the United Kingdom. He was always much pleased when his advice or help was sought for anything promotive of the Company's interest. In his death the Company lost a sincere friend. He died on the 12th of February of this year.

Resolution of the Board of Directors.

"*Resolved*: That the Board place on record their very high respect for the memory of the late Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, and their sense of the value of the services done this Company by him in his capacity as chairman of the British Board of Trustees of the Company;

"That the Board hereby tender to the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava their sincere condolence and sympathy in the hour of her supreme loss;

"That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava."

R. MACAULAY,
Chairman.

The following reply has been received:

46 Cadogan Square,
LONDON, S.W., 18th March, 1902.

Dear Sir,—

I most truly value and appreciate the sympathy expressed for me in my great bereavement by the Directors of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, and I would ask you to convey my thanks to the Directors, and to assure them that I read with grateful feelings the resolution in which they have recorded their deep appreciation of Lord Dufferin's great public services.

Yours sincerely,

HARIOT DUFFERIN AND AVA.

T. B. Macaulay, Esq.,

Secretary,

Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada.