

PERSONAL NOTES

Mr. Joseph A. Likely, the new president of the St. John board of trade, is a member of the timber firm of Jos. A. Likely, Limited. He has been a most successful business man. He is a liberal in politics.

Mr. F. C. Blomfield, C.A., (Ontario), and Mr. Jno. A. McDonald, C.P.A., (Ga.), have formed a partnership for the purpose of carrying on the profession of public accounting and auditing, with offices at 514 Moffat Building, Detroit.

Mr. Frank B. Ellis, chief editorial writer of the St. John Globe, is the eldest son of the late Hon. Senator Ellis, one of the founders of the Globe. Though a very busy man, he finds time to devote to numerous philanthropic enterprises. He has been associated with the Globe in various capacities during his entire life.

Mr. Percy W. Thomson, who has taken over the control of the old established shipping and insurance firm of William Thomson and Company, since the death of his father, is one of the brightest of the younger generation of business men of St. John, N.B. He is a member of the council of the board of trade, and chairman of the traffic department.

Captain Sir Clive Phillips-Wolley was born in England in 1854. He explored in the Caucasus; settled in British Columbia; ran unsuccessfully twice for the Commons in the conservative interests, for Vancouver Island (1900) and Nanaimo (1904). He is a versatile author and resides in British Columbia. He was created a knight bachelor on January 1st, 1915.

Mr. Alexander MacLean, manager and secretary of the London and Lancashire Guarantee and Accident Company of Canada, is returning from New York to Toronto, which city he will again make his headquarters. Mr. George C. Howie has left Toronto for New York to take up the appointment of superintendent of the company's eastern department, with headquarters in New York city.

Major-General Marie Joseph Eugene Fiset, C.M.G., deputy minister of militia, was born at Rimouski, P.Q., in 1874. Educated at Rimouski College and Laval University, he graduated as M.B. in 1896, and took the degree of M.D., C.M., in 1898. He served in the South African war, and was mentioned three times in despatches and awarded the D.S.O. King George made him a Companion of St. Michael and St. George on January 1st, 1915.

Honorable John Beddington Macaulay Baxter, K.C., who was recently advanced to the position of attorney-general in the New Brunswick cabinet, is a native of West St. John. He studied law with the late John Kerr, was admitted an attorney in 1890, and a barrister in 1891. In politics he is a conservative. He sat in the city council of St. John as an alderman for a time, and for years held the position of recorder of the city. In 1911, he was elected to the local legislature.

Mr. George Joseph Desbarats, C.M.G., deputy minister and comptroller of naval service, Canada, was born at Quebec in 1861. He was awarded the degree of B.A.Sc. by Laval University in 1901. For a long time he was in the public service as engineer on canal construction and other public works. He rebuilt and enlarged the government shipyard at Sorel, P.Q., in 1901, and was government agent there in 1908-9. He was also deputy minister of marine and fisheries at Ottawa during these two years. He was created last week a Companion of St. Michael and St. George.

Sir Hamar Greenwood, M.P., who was made a baronet on New Year's Day, was born at Whitby, Ontario, in 1870. He is the son of John Hamar Greenwood, barrister-at-law, and Charlotte Hubbard, of United Empire Loyalist stock. Mr. Greenwood was educated at the public school, Whitby, and afterwards graduated B.A. at the University of Toronto. He was eight years Lieutenant in the Canadian militia, and some time in the Department of Agriculture of Ontario. He is a barrister-at-law of Gray's Inn. He was senior M.P. (Liberal) for York in 1906-10, and has since represented Sunderland, England.

Sir Francois Xavier Lemieux, who was knighted last week is acting Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Quebec, and was born at Levis, Quebec, in 1831. Educated at Levis

Collegiate, the Seminary of Quebec and Laval University, he obtained the degree of LL.B. in 1872 and LL.D. in 1900. Called to the Bar in 1872, he became famous as a criminal lawyer, defending Riel for high treason at Regina, 1885. He sat for Levis (Local) from 1883 to 1892, and for Bonaventure (Local) from 1894 to 1897. He became a puisne judge of the Superior Court of the province of Quebec in 1897, and was appointed acting Chief Justice in May, 1911.

Sir William Price, of Quebec city, who was created a knight bachelor by King George on New Year's Day, is a merchant, manufacturer and legislator, and was born at Palca, Chile, of English and Irish parents, in 1867. Entering the firm of Price Brothers and Company, lumber merchants, Quebec, in 1886, he became sole partner on the death of the Hon. E. J. Price in 1899. Becoming associated with many successful business enterprises, he came to be known as the lumber king of Quebec. After unsuccessfully contesting Rimouski for the House of Commons in 1904, he sat for Quebec West in 1908-11. He is one of Canada's notable citizens.

Sir Herbert Samuel Holt, made a knight bachelor last week, is a civil engineer and capitalist, and was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1856. Coming to Canada in 1875, he acted successfully as an engineer for the Credit Valley, Victoria, Lake Simcoe Junction, Ontario and Quebec, and other railways in Ontario. In partnership with Messrs. Ross, MacKenzie and Mann, he built from 1880-92 the Regina, Qu'Appelle and Long Lake, and the Calgary and Edmonton Railways, aggregating 550 miles. Since 1892 he has devoted his time to finance and banking, becoming associated with a large number of successful enterprises. He is president of the Royal Bank of Canada. Sir Herbert will carry his knighthood without affectation. He was the recipient last week of numerous congratulatory messages.

Sir George Halsey Perley, acting Canadian High Commissioner in London, who has been made a Knight of St. Michael and St. George, is the son of the late William G. Perley, M.P. for Ottawa, was born at Lebanon, New Hampshire, in 1857. He was educated at Ottawa Grammar School, St. Paul's School, Concord, N.H., and Harvard University, taking the degree of B.A. in 1878. Entering business life as a lumber merchant and manufacturer, he became head of the firm of G. H. Perley & Company, operating largely in the Ottawa Valley. He is a director of the Bank of Ottawa, and president of many clubs. His political career started when he unsuccessfully contested the seat of Russell in 1900. Since 1904 he has sat for Argenteuil, which he unsuccessfully contested in 1902. He was appointed chief whip of the conservative party in 1911. He accepted a seat in the Borden cabinet without portfolio on October 10th, 1911.

Sir Clifford Sifton, who was knighted last week, is of Irish descent, is a native of Middlesex county, Ontario, being born in 1861. He is the son of John W. Sifton, formerly speaker of the Manitoba Assembly. Hon. Mr. Sifton was called to the Manitoba Bar in 1882, practised in Brandon, and was created a Q.C. by Dominion patent, 1895. He was elected to the Manitoba Legislature for North Brandon, 1888, and continued a member till 1896. He was attorney-general and minister of education in the Greenway administration, 1891. He conducted negotiations on behalf of Manitoba with Dominion authorities in reference to the Manitoba school question. Mr. Sifton retired from the Manitoba government and entered Sir Wilfrid Laurier's administration as minister of the interior and superintendent-general of Indian Affairs, 1896. He resigned in 1905 on account of disagreement with Sir Wilfrid Laurier regarding educational clauses of bills to establish the northwest provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. He was agent of the British government before the Alaska Boundary Tribunal, 1903. He has been chairman of the commission for the conservation of natural resources since 1909. Sir Clifford has contributed interesting articles to *The Monetary Times Annual* from time to time.

Mr. Grant Hall has been appointed vice-president and general manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Winnipeg, of lines west of Port Arthur, reporting to Mr. George Bury, who has been elected vice-president of the company, with headquarters at Montreal. Mr. Hall, who has for the past two years been the general manager of the western lines of the Canadian Pacific, was born in Montreal on November 27th, 1863, and was educated at Bishop's College and School, Lennoxville, Que. He entered the railway service in 1883 as apprentice machinist at the Grand Trunk shops, and in 1890