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**Sidelights
on Borden**

SIR ROBERT BORDEN, who has just retired from the Premiership of Canada, has been accused of slowness in making decisions. Political enemies have glibbed at him at times as "Robert the Unready." A story which he tells himself would seem to indicate that he realizes a certain ponderousness in his mental make-up. Once as boy he and his brother, Hal, were in bathing. Robert got into difficulties in the water. As he declares himself, "after going down the second time I decided I had better remove my coat." If he had not taken off his coat the recent history of Canada might have had to be rewritten.

The Prime Minister is looked on as wealthy, but he is generally credited with being careful in money matters. He invited a newspaperman to dine with him at the Rideau Club in Ottawa just after the Conservative defeat of 1906. Several Conservatives were at nearby tables celebrating their defeat. Champagne was flowing at hand and the newspaperman was thirsty. He wondered if he was not going to be asked if he would like a little wine, but Borden gave no sign. When the desert arrived the scribe had abandoned hope. It revived though when his host leaned over very confidentially and began in his low deep voice—"they make excellent deep apple pie here."

Sir Robert Borden was never seen to read a newspaper. In the House he would sit for the most part of recent years apparently wrapped in thought even when his colleagues all round were rustling through the news of the day. The day after he was hounded down in Kitchener during the 1917 election campaign he told a newspaperman that he never reads a newspaper.

Another characteristic of his was his habit of hitching an invisible lawyer's gown when making a speech. This habit has persisted to the present day as has his other of tapping his eyeglasses on his hand. His speeches were very simple and very logical and generally effective—his speech at the opening of the first war session was very fine—but of recent years he developed a bad habit of reading documents and often dull documents to the House. Many a lively debate has received its quietus when the Premier got busy.

Sir Robert Borden never carried his goods in the show window. He is for example one of the finest German scholars in Canada but never proclaimed it. In 1907, when touring the West he spoke at Humboldt, Sask. The greeting of the schoolmaster there ended with a few lines from Schiller. Sir Robert began where he left off and ended the quotation.

He is a wide reader and very closely acquainted with classical literature, yet he has seldom been known to make a quotation in his speeches. In this regard he is like Parnell, who was said to read little. After his death his books, however, were found with many marks and notes. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is said to have been not nearly so widely read as Sir Robert Borden, and yet he seldom spoke without bringing in some apt quotation, frequently from the Bible.

Sir Robert has been always rather stiff and wooden to his own followers. Whether it was due to short sight or absent-mindedness he often passed them without recognition but they had a good deal of affection for him. In the earlier years of his leadership there was always a certain amount of jockeying to get him out. In 1911 just after the election campaign had opened, a Conservative caucus went in favor of exchanging him for either the late Sir Richard McBride or Hon. Robert Rogers. Borden behaved with wit. He invited them all to a banquet. Rogers proved himself the poor speaker he always has been. McBride was off color. Borden made one of the best speeches of his life. The boom exploded and the last real insurrection against his leadership died in infancy.

Although thus lacking in the quality of being approachable Borden was always easily accessible both to followers and newspapermen. It was perhaps one of his faults that he gave up too much time and attention to detail. He signed hundreds of letters which might just as easily have been attended to by a secretary. A curious thing about him was that his intimate friends were never intellectual men. Some were inclined to call them rather stodgy fellows. There is no need to mention their names.

Borden has always been famous for his fine head of hair. In his younger days he was a stalwart, yellow-haired athletic figure, who might often have been seen on the Ottawa cricket field. His hair has now turned grey but he still keeps up his athletic proclivities and devotes much time to golf.

Of recent years he had admirable control of his temper and it was hard to rouse his anger though he often spoke quite impassioned in the House. But in his youth he is credited with being more

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Sir Robert Borden himself said once, when asked, that his two outstanding characteristics were patience and perseverance.

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