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Canada's Representative at the Hague.

Canadians are now reassured that I to that he had a practice and reputathe Imperial Government is desirous to safeguard the interests of Canada and have at the same time paid a great honor to the Dominion by appointing Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, K. C. M. G., Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, one of the four representatives of Great Britain on the select company of the great speakers of Canada.

Sir Charles Fitzpatrick was born in permanent court of arbitration of international arbitration at the Hague, this being the first British colonial appointment to the peace tribunal. This appointment is not only a conspicuous honor to Sir Charles Fitz-patrick but it is a high honor to Canada, as it will have the effect of strengthening and broadening the Hague Tribunal, whose mission is one requiring the presence of men of known tact, able and of sound learn-

tion that pretty well covered Canada. An Irish-Canadian, brought up in the city of Quebec, he is equally at home in French and English, and were he

Sir Charles Fitzpatrick was born in Sillery. a suburb of Quebec, on December 19, 1853, and the house in which he was born still stands in that long fringe of homes which face the river on the one side while the high bluff which terminates in Cape Dia-

which at once made his name well known over the whole Dominion.

During all this time Mr. Fitzpat-

rick was naturally accumulating political influence, and in June, 1890, he entered the Legislature at Quebec, where his command of the two languages made him a formidable force. In 1891 he was offered, but refused, a portfolio in the De Bouch-erville Ministry, preferring the freedom of the Opposition, with whose sentiments his own views more accurately coincided.

On Sir Wilfrid Laurier assuming office in July, 1896, he invited Mr. Fitzpatrick to join him as Solicitor-General, and since then, or at least up to his appointment to the Supreme Court Bench, his relationship to Federal affairs had been constant and unremitting. The death of Hon. David Mills in 1901 led to his natural promotion to the post of Minister of Justice, where he remained until his elevation to the Bench two years Mr. Fitzpatrick's services in the House of Commons are those with which the people are most familiar. It is a simple fact to say that when he left it that chamber lost a strong, capable and interesting figure. The Minister of Justice was never happier than when on the firing line. When a matter in which he was concerned was up for discussion he grappled at close quarters, and woe be to the enemy whose armor left any opening for the fierce and unrelenting application of his sword of sarcasm. He was a quick and impetuous speaker, a man of too few words to be an orator, and a powerful aid to the Government in any cause in which they were assailed. As Minister of Justice his clearness of perception and his incisive language made him a powerful force in

As a judge, Sir Charles, who received the honor of Knighthood in 1907, brought to bear the quickness and keenness which had marked him in other fields. It is safe to say that since his appointment as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court that the "law's delays" and "the insolence of office" has not been a charge laid at the door of the Supreme Court, so far as Sir Charles Fitzpatrick could do one man's part to prevent it. Genial, democratic and breezy, a man among men, Sir Charles is one of the best known and most popular figures in the public service at Ottawa and is regarded in high esteem y the leading li tession in Canada.

the administration of his department.

Knee-Deep in June.

Tell you what I like the best 'Long about knee-deep in June, 'Bout the time strawberries n melts On the vine—some afternoon, Like to jest git out and rest, And not work at nothing else.

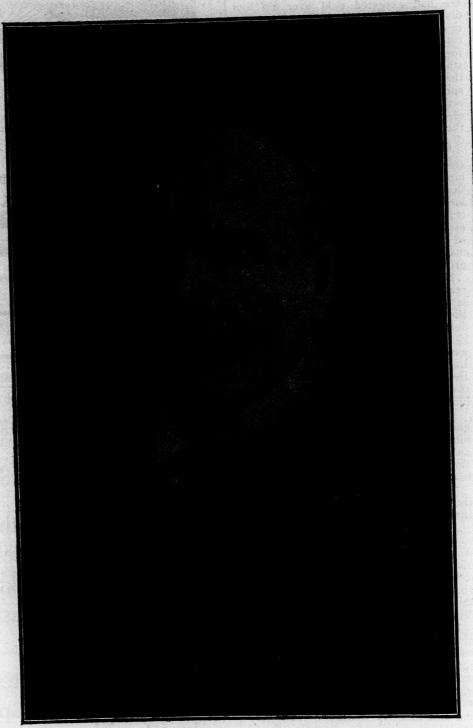
Orchard's where I'd ruther be Orchard's where I'd ruther be
Needn't fence it in fer me!
Jes' the whole sky overhead
And the whole airth underneath,—
Sorto' so's a man kin breathe
Like he ort, and kindo' has
Elbow room to keerlessly
Sprawl out len'thways on the grass
Where the shadders thick and soft
As the kivvers on the bed
Mother fixes in the loft

Mother fixes in the loft Allus, when they's company!

March ain't never nothing new!—
April's altogether too
Brash fer me! and May—I jes'
'Bominate it's promises,
Little hints o' sunshine and
Green around the timber-land,
A few blossoms, and a few
Chip birds, and a sprout or two,—
Drap asleep, and it turns in,
'Fore day light and snows agin!

But when June comes—clear my throat
With wild honey! Rench my hair
In the dew! and hold my coat!
Whoop out loud! and throw my hat!
June wants me, and I'm to spare!
Spread them shadders anywhere
I'll git down and waller there,
And obleeged to you at that!

-James Whitcomb Riley.



SIR CHARLES FITZPATRICK K. C. M. G. The Canadian representative on the Hague Peace Tribunal.

ing, men of absolute fairness of graduated in law with high honors. mind, men who have had widespread Immediately beginning the practice experience with respect to the difficulties of dealing with important questions appertaining to public af-

Sir Charles Fitzpatrick will bring to The Hague the fresh vigor of a typical middle-aged Canadian, and is one of the best known members of the legal profession in Canada. Counsel in some of the most noted cases in the past generation, Solicitor-General for five years, Minister of Justice for another five, and now the head of the nation's highest court, he has received the honors which his legal standing and ability merit. For the past twelve years Sir Charles has been largely divorced from active appearances in the courts, but previous

of law, many briefs came to him, and in 1879 he was appointed Crown Prosecutor for the city and district of Quebec. During his long practice of law many famous cases engaged his attention, including the Tournai frauds case at Montreal and the Eno extradition case at Quebec. He participated also in a number of political cases, being counsel for McGreevy and Connolly in connection with the Tarte charges, and was also counsel for Hon. Mr. Mercier, Hon. Chas. Langelier, and Mr. E. Pacaud in the prosecutions which followed the downfall of the Mercier Ministry. His great opportunity came, however, when he was retained as one of the leading counsel for Louis Riel,