

Government his independent support. He resigned his seat in the Manitoba Legislature in 1878, but represented Selkirk at Ottawa until 1880, when he was defeated. Having, in the meantime, taken up his residence in Montreal, Mr. Smith was in 1887 returned to the House of Commons for Montreal West, representing that constituency until April, 1896, being then appointed High Commissioner for Canada at London and sworn of the Canadian Privy Council.

Lord Strathcona's name was very prominently connected with the carrying out of that great national project, the Canadian Pacific Railway. His Lordship, not only gave the scheme powerful financial support, but by his pluck, energy and personal knowledge of the new North-West, did perhaps more than any other single man to secure its successful accomplishment.

In acknowledgment of his services to the Dominion Mr. Smith was created K.C.M.G. in 1886, and in 1896 he received promotion in the order, receiving the distinction of G.C.M.G., and having the additional honour of personal investment at Windsor Castle. At the time of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, Her late Majesty raised Sir Donald to the peerage with the title of Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal of Glencoe, in the county of Argyll, and of Montreal, Que.

Lord Strathcona became Vice-President of the Bank of Montreal in 1882, President in 1887, and since December, 1905, has been the Hon. President. He also was elected Chancellor of McGill University in 1889. He holds high office in many commercial, charitable and patriotic organizations in England, Scotland and Canada, and was gazetted Honourary Lieut.-Colonel of the 3rd Victoria Rifles, Montreal, 1898. At the time of the South African War, he raised, equipped, and despatched to the front, at his own expense, a splendid regiment of irregular horse recruited in the North-West and known as Strathcona Horse.

He has been a generous patron of art and a princely contributor to the funds of educational and charitable institutions. In 1887, he, with Lord Mount Stephen, gave \$1,000,000 for the establishment and endowment of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, in honour of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, a further donation of \$800,000 for maintenance being made in