

ONCE A "DEVIL" NOW A MINISTER

SKETCH OF CAREER OF HON. FRANK OLIVER

Some Other Printers Who Have Occupied Prominent Positions in Canadian Public Life.

The career of Frank Oliver, the new minister of interior, is an inspiration to every printer in Canada. Public life has abounded in journalists, that is to say, in men who began at the literary end of a newspaper, but statesmen who have risen from the press have been as rare as hen's teeth. Times have changed, however, and in this instance, when a prime minister was looking for a good man, his choice lay between two men who can still stick their six thousand ems a day if they are put to it. Mr. Oliver won out, perhaps on account of his longer service and larger majority, but Mr. Scott is said to be reserved for high honors in the new province of Saskatchewan.

Both Mr. Oliver and Mr. Scott began as printers' devils, scrubbed type, cleaned forms, pulled proofs, and did all the grimy chores that appertain to a newspaper office. In due time they were promoted to the case, did their work well, saw larger opportunities, became editors, and finally proprietors, after which politics opened out for them, and offered them distinguished prospects. Mr. Oliver is fifty-two years of age; Mr. Scott some years younger. The fact that one has "arrived," and that the other will arrive shortly, is something that should make every compositor sit up and prick his ears. Napoleon used to say that there was a field-marshal's baton in every soldier's knapsack. In this democratic country there is a cabinet portfolio in every case printer's stick. The first printer who came into prominence in Canadian history was William Lyon Mackenzie, whose record is too well known to need recalling. Not so many people are aware, however, that Christopher Finlay Fraser, for many years minister of public works for Ontario, and perhaps the most brilliant orator the Legislative Assembly ever had, began life as a printer, and worked up. Mr. Fraser is remembered for a particularly long finger which was in the habit of shaking in an admonitory way at his opponents. So that the long finger which helped him as a printer did equally effective work when he blossomed out as an orator.

Passing from provincial to federal politics, one recalls Mr. E. F. Clarke, who belonged to both spheres and was equally distinguished in both. Mr. Clarke was a member of the Typographical Union to the day of his death. Whether as mayor, or member of the legislature, or member of parliament, Mr. Clarke never forgot his beginnings, and the interests of the printer were always very near to his heart. If he had lived, his party had come into power there was no position too big for him. Mr. Borden's cabinet—should it ever have fallen to him to form one—would have contained a printer who had impressed himself very deeply on the esteem and affection of the people.

Hon. Thomas Walter, who was minister of the interior in 1885, and died in office, used to boast that he was a practical printer, and knew the trade from the ground up. The printer's case has also contributed one Premier to Canada, in the person of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, who, in spite of his eighty-two years, could still do a good stint at his old business. Sir Mackenzie's hale old age may be put down to the fact that he has never been far removed from the salutary odors of printers' ink and benzine.

Mr. Walter Scott, who began at the bottom of the ladder in the office of the Regina Leader, and became in succession editor, proprietor, and member of parliament, is said to be cited for his brilliant man to overtake and surpass it. It would be interesting to hear of the means of Nicholas Flood Davin—could he revisit Parliament Hill—on the splendid prospects of the young man who was one chore boy in his printing shop.

There are people in Toronto who can still remember that Frank Oliver once stuck type in the Globe office. There are people in Winnipeg who remember him as a compositor on the Free Press. It was in the late seventies that he drifted further West, set up for himself at Edmonton, and grew up with the country. At first the Edmonton Bulletin was a very small newspaper, indeed. It was a weekly, and it was about the size of a small tract. However, it had a very large tract of territory to cover, and from the very first it was known as a newspaper, and was welcomed as far west as Winnipeg as an exchange from which many a good item could be gleaned. Mr. Oliver's newspaper increased with his fortunes, and it is now one of the best country dailies between Winnipeg and the Rocky Mountains. Mr. Oliver has always had a keen nose for the news, and the editorial page has not lagged behind in the matter of pungent views. Now that Mr. Oliver has accepted the responsibilities of office we may expect the leaders in the Edmonton Bulletin to assume a character of safe official statement.

The new minister of the interior has a reputation for unvarnished language. He prides himself on his candor. Some people, mistaking his frankness for brusquerie, may have felt offended, but no offense was meant. The traditions of the Arizona Kicker pervade the journalism of the far West, and about midnight supper was the man for polite circumlocutions. A cabinet portfolio may have a constraining influence, but at present imagination needs to stretch itself to picture Mr. Oliver curled and combed and groomed to the fashion of a cabinet

minister as cabinet ministers are known in England. Mr. Oliver has little care for externals. A blonde man, eager-eyed, thin-faced, gaunt of jaw, he suggests the Vikings who harried Britain in the remote past. Like Cassius, he hath a lean and hungry look.—H. F. G. in the Toronto Star.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On Religion and Theology Will Take Place in This City in May.

The second annual conference on religion and theology in connection with the Synod of British Columbia and Alberta will be held in Victoria from May 8th to May 10th. The executive committee of the conference in issuing the final draft of the programme urge the hearty co-operation of every member of the synod in the work of the conference. The committee further state that "Attendance is within the reach of all at reasonable cost by taking advantage of the synod's travelling arrangements and expense fund, and it is earnestly hoped that each member will come prepared to make animated and sympathetic discussion a feature of the conference. We welcome Dr. Milligan, the moderator of the General Assembly, to the Western synod and look forward with keen interest to his course of lectures."

The programme is as follows: Monday, May 8th. 10 a.m.-12 m.—"The Function of Old Testament Prophecy," Rev. R. J. Wilson, M. A., Vancouver. "The Prophet Amos," Rev. J. D. Gillam, M. A., North Vancouver. Discussion opened by Rev. W. I. Clark, B. A., Victoria, and H. J. Robertson, B. A., Chilliwack.

2:30 p.m.—"The Busy Pastor and the Best Books," Rev. C. A. Myers, B. A., Field. 3:30 p.m.—"The Relation of the Incarnation and the Atonement in the Teaching of the Primitive Church," Rev. T. W. Taylor, Ph. D., New Westminster. Discussion opened by Revs. A. Forbes, B. D., Saskatchewan, and A. Ewing, Victoria. 8 p.m.—"Characteristics of Preaching," Rev. G. M. Milligan, D.D., LL.D., Toronto.

Tuesday, May 9th. 10 a.m.—"The Discipline of the Preacher," Rev. G. M. Milligan, D.D., LL.D., Toronto. 11 a.m.—"The Prophet Hosea," Rev. J. A. Clark, Calgary. Discussion opened by Rev. P. Henderson, M. A., Clarendon.

2 p.m.—Next year's conference. 2:30 p.m.—"The Methods of Study of the Preacher," Rev. Dr. Milligan. 3:30 p.m.—"The Place of the Evidence of Our Lord's History in Christianity," Rev. J. T. Ferguson, M. A., Nelson. Discussion opened by Revs. A. O. McRae, Ph. D., Calgary, and Jos. McCoy, M. A., Victoria.

8 p.m.—"John Knox" (in celebration of the 400th anniversary of his birth)—Rev. J. Knox Wright, B. D., Vancouver. Wednesday, May 10th. 10 a.m.-12 m.—"The Prophet Isaiah," Rev. J. S. Ferguson, B. D., Didsbury. Discussion opened by Revs. A. M. Gordon, B. D., Lethbridge, and J. E. Hogg, West Kelowna. 2:30 p.m.—"Higher Criticism: Its Truth and Error," Rev. Dr. Milligan. 3:30 p.m.—"Are the Present Methods of Church Activity Best Calculated to Advance Christianity?" Rev. H. W. Fraser, D. D., Vancouver. Discussion opened by Revs. J. S. Henderson, New Westminster, and J. A. Henderson, D. D., Calgary. 8 p.m.—Public lecture, "Wants That Are Wants," Rev. Dr. Milligan.

METHODIST TRANSFERS. The Conference Committee Announces Changes of Ministers.

A Toronto dispatch, dated April 20th, says: The transfer committee of the Methodist church of Canada met today in the Wesley building. There were present Rev. A. Carman, D. D., general superintendent, and the following presidents of conferences: Nova Scotia, Rev. David Hickey, Bangor; New Brunswick, Rev. Chas. Hamilton, St. John; Montreal, Rev. David Winter; Bay of Quinte, Rev. J. P. Wilson, Belleville; Toronto, Rev. G. M. Brown, Hamilton; Rev. John Pickering, London, Richard Holbe, Manitoba, Rev. W. Somerville, Boissevain; Assiniboia, Rev. Hamilton Wigle, Regina; Alberta, Rev. J. M. Harrison, Medicine Hat; British Columbia, Rev. Wilfrid J. Sippell, New Westminster.

The following transfers were made: From the London conference—Rev. J. H. Johnston to Alberta; Rev. Joseph Coulter to Alberta; From the Toronto conference—Rev. C. S. Bishop to Alberta; Rev. W. Sparling, D.D., to Manitoba; Rev. G. G. Webber to Alberta; Rev. Geo. T. Chanowith to Manitoba. From the Hamilton conference—Rev. J. E. S. Bailey to Assiniboia; Rev. E. A. Stableford to British Columbia. From the Montreal conference—Rev. S. G. Gland, D. D., to Manitoba. From the New Brunswick conference—Rev. John Nelson to Hamilton; Rev. R. P. Bowles to Toronto; Rev. U. R. Seely to Alberta; Rev. E. J. Chegwint to Assiniboia; Rev. J. O. Ewizel to Assiniboia; Rev. A. Henderson to British Columbia; Rev. E. B. Crockett to Toronto.

From the Assiniboia conference—Rev. J. W. Churchill to Manitoba; Rev. T. A. Hogg to Manitoba; Rev. H. K. Galle to Manitoba. From the British Columbia conference—Rev. J. W. Bowring to Manitoba; Rev. G. E. Smith to Hamilton; Rev. F. R. Wright to Manitoba; Rev. H. K. Galle to Manitoba. From the Nova Scotia conference—Rev. A. S. Tuttle to Alberta. From the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island conference—Rev. W. J. Howard to Alberta; Rev. J. A. Seller to Alberta.

CLOSING DANCE. An Enjoyable Evening Spent at the Assembly Hall Tuesday Night.

The Married Ladies' Dancing Club held a very fashionable ball on Tuesday, it being the last of the season. The ball was tastefully adorned with flags and bunting, and about seventy-five couples danced to the strains of the orchestra. About midnight supper was partaken of, and that being over dancing was resumed until an early hour. With Miss Thane as pianist and Mr. Fawcett as violinist, the musical part of the programme needs no commendation.

LEADER REVIEWS WORK OF HOUSE

NO SESSION MORE BARRER OF RESULTS

J. A. Macdonald Says Even Government's Most Ardent Supporters Are Disgusted.

The Rossland Miner of April 21st contains the following: J. A. Macdonald leader of the opposition, was seen yesterday and gave the following interesting interview in regard to the provincial legislative session which has just closed:

"I doubt if there ever was a session of the legislature more barren of results than the one just closed. In the coast and island cities, as well as in the interior, there is a feeling of intense disappointment and disgust, even among the government's most ardent adherents. After the promise made and so often repeated, that the government would deal with the railway situation in a comprehensive manner, and especially after the government's admission of urgency of action, when the Premier promised a summer session last May, everybody felt sure that the session just closed would be notable for its work in promoting railway construction in those districts which need it most."

"Instead of coming down to the House with a railway policy the government spent the whole session backing and filling, pulled this way and that by the band of railway promoters who filled the lobby, and finally failed to confess that they could formulate no policy, and that for another year the hopes of the people for a direct line from Kootenay to the coast were doomed to disappointment."

"I am glad to see that some progress will be made independently of provincial co-operation, but Hill's proposed road will only touch the southern fringe of the territory requiring railway facilities, and a large part of this road will be built in the state of Washington."

"How was it with the attempts of the Grand Trunk Pacific to bluff the province?"

"No, the company did not succeed in its bluff at the people of British Columbia, but it did succeed in getting the charter for the road from Hazelton to Kitimat, which carries with it a bonus of \$675,000 from the province, and days from the first of getting the time for the commencement of construction extended, the result of which is that the bonus of \$675,000 was thereby prevented from lapsing this year. In other words, the Grand Trunk Pacific has practically prevailed upon the provincial government to donate \$675,000 to the Grand Trunk Pacific, which is not a bad service's work from a Grand Trunk Pacific standpoint."

"How will the new school act work out?"

"The new school act is a mere cloak for the imposition of further taxes upon the people. If the tax is not the worst feature, it strikes directly at the efficiency of our school system, and so hostile is the opposition which it excited that the province, and in some instances trustees threatened to resign if it became a law. Rossland itself has its burdens—already too heavy—increased to the extent of \$1,500 per year."

"The reference to the eight-hour smelter bill Mr. Macdonald said: 'I opposed this pending an endeavor to have the smelters and smelter owners meet and arrange an amicable settlement of the hours of labor. The smelter owners of the present system of working certain of their employees twelve hours per day. On the other hand, I believe the grade can only be worked when smelting rates are favorable; also that the British Columbia smelters have to compete with foreign smelters, where there are no restrictions on the hours of labor, and that they will meet the employers in a spirit of fairness. The question is one of far greater importance to the mine workers than to the smeltermen, because of the great expense of the former and the ease with which in case trouble resulted from the passage of such a law. The proposed law was not to come into force for a year, and I trust that within the year all parties interested will make an honest effort to bring about an amicable arrangement, and I think I should be remiss in my duty did I not take the first opportunity to warn smelter managers that they cannot be too prompt in taking the initiative in the matter.'"

"You brought in a bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, did you not?"

"Yes, I brought in a bill to amend the act by including among dependents, grandparents and others, who might be left destitute by the death of their bread winner; also to enable the arbitrator to award a lump sum in case of permanent injury, but the bill was strangled by the government forcing the session to end before the business of the House was completed."

"There were many changes in existing laws, some good, many bad, and the worst was the amendment to the land act affecting timber, which was rushed through on the very last day of the session. In this case speculators seemed to have had control of the government. This amendment, had it been confined to bona fide mill owners, would not be objectionable; in fact, it would have been in the right direction; but under its immense area of best timber land in the province will pass into the hands of speculators, the province will be deprived of an immense revenue, which it might, under proper regulation, have preserved for itself, and the millmen and loggers will in after years find themselves at the mercy of those who are exploiting our timber resources for their own benefit."

"The assessment act of last year was amended; in some ways in the right direction; in others, in the wrong direction. While merchants have to some extent been relieved of the unjust exactions of last year, this is being made up to some extent by an additional burden upon the poorer people, caused by the repeal of the section of the act exempting personal property up to \$500. Wild land held by speculators has also been relieved of one per cent. of its previous rate of taxation."

"Why was the House closed with such indecent haste?"

"Well, you had better ask the Premier. All I can say is that it was not because the business of the session was completed. A number of important bills were blocked by the prorogation, and among them was one which I introduced to enable those who had coal and petroleum licenses to straighten out their affairs which are tangled up, under absurd licenses which were issued to them. This bill provided for a speedy trial before the County court, after notice in the newspapers to all parties concerned. In this way all rival claims could be properly and finally settled, and the rightful owner given good title."

"There were upwards of eighty new acts passed upon the already overloaded statute books of this province, but very few of them are of general public interest. There is a strong feeling throughout the province, and particularly in the coast cities, that our laws are too frequently meddled with, and that the people are retarded by reason of the fear of changes in the law, largely unimportant in themselves, but nevertheless baneful in their effects upon industrial progress."

MINING NEWS FROM GREENWOOD

LEAD STACK WILL PROBABLY BE ERECTED

Development Work in Progress in Number of Properties—Prospects of a Busy Season.

Greenwood, April 22.—The Tip Top, one of the claims in Skylark camp, and adjoining the Mavis to the south, has been sold to W. S. Macey, of Phoenix, for the sum of \$15,000, part cash, balance within three months. The late owners were J. C. Haas, M. E. of Spokane, Randolph Stuart and H. R. Elliott. The Tip Top comprises the Mavis leads, which are being extensively developed by a syndicate of young men, employees of the Granby Consolidated at Phoenix, who have taken a bond on the property and have uncovered two very promising veins running right across the claim about 75 feet apart. The only assays taken give values in gold only \$30 per ton. The sale of the Tip Top is very significant of the favor the high grade claims are finding with Phoenix people. The prospects are that the coming summer will see an immense amount of development work done and a large tonnage of high grade ore shipped for treatment at the various smelters.

The company operating the Highland Queen, one of the claims in the high grade belt, have two shifts of men at work driving a tunnel to tap the lead, which is about 10 inches wide. It is expected that ore will be struck in a few days at a depth from the surface of 75 feet. A shaft exists on the property 20 feet deep, and the vein has been traced for a distance of over 600 feet on the surface of the claim. The ore on the surface is galena, but at the bottom of the shaft changes to zinc blende and yellow iron. Assays as high as \$275 to the ton have been made. A considerable quantity of ore is sacked ready for shipment, which it is expected will give net returns of at least \$75 to the ton. Once the tunnel reaches the vein drifts will be run each way along the vein, and active shipping commenced.

W. H. Shallenberg has started work on the Crescent and Don Pedro, both situate above Skylark camp. It is likely that a ten-drill compressor will be shortly installed on the Crescent, which has one of the richest veins of any claim in the high grade belt.

So many of the claims being worked in this camp carry large quantities of lead in the ores that it is reported on excellent authority that the B. C. Copper Company are seriously considering the advisability of putting up a lead stack in order to be in a position to successfully treat the ores here instead of shipping them, as at present, to Trail and Nelson.

J. C. Haas, M. E., managing director of the Galconda Mines, Limited, paid a visit to Greenwood this week. Hon. G. E. Foster, Rufus Pope and other prominent eastern politicians and business men hold large interests in the company, which is operating a group of six claims, situate in South Deadwood camp, on the west side of the Columbia & Western railway, about four miles south of Greenwood, and about two, and a half miles from the railway. The group consists of the following crown granted claims: Galconda, Cleveland, Laocoon, and the latter three are owned by the B. C. Copper Company. The company has put up a large sum of money for development purposes, and are now engaged in running a tunnel on the Galconda to cross the vein at a depth of about 275 feet. At present the tunnel is in a distance of 350 feet, and it is expected that the ledge will be struck 150 feet further on. At the present rate of progress the tunnel will strike the vein about the 1st of August next. There is a shaft sunk on the ore body on the Galconda to a depth of 65 feet, but so much water was contained in it that it was abandoned for the time being, and the tunnel started on the lower down the hill. When the tunnel reaches the ore body a raise will be driven to connect with the old shaft, thus insuring perfect ventilation and excellent drainage. The vein runs from 2 to 6 feet wide, and carries values in gold only of from \$8 to \$40 per ton. The ore is arsenical and iron pyrites, and will possibly average about \$12 smelter returns. Drifts are to be run to each side of the tunnel along the vein, and Mr. Haas expects that shipping will start actively next winter.

During the week a very fine vein of ore has been uncovered on the Hidden Treasure, one of the claims owned by the Republic Mines, Limited, of which W. T. Smith, the original discoverer of the famous Phoenix mines, Old Ironsides and Knob Hill, is superintendent and managing director. Your correspondent visited the property, and with Mr. Smith traced the formation to within 50 feet north of the vein of the Nona Such, one of the company's other claims, on which a tunnel has been run in over 400 feet on the vein. A shaft will be sunk on the new find, and after it has been thoroughly proved, a tunnel will be drifted out to the hill side, which is less than a quarter of a mile from the Columbia & Western track. The ore so far exposed gives good values in gold, copper and silver, and the vein is over six feet wide. It lies between schist and diorite walls.

CALLED OFF. Strike of Teamsters in Chicago Has Collapsed.

Chicago, Ill., April 25.—The teamsters have called off their strike against Montgomery, Ward & Co. The refusal of the garment workers, in aid of whom the teamsters went on strike, to be parties to a fight against only one firm when they had grievances against a number, led to the disruption of the committee managing the strike and the collapse of the struggle.

SIXTY HOURS' RAINFALL. Gallup, N. M., April 25.—No through trains have run in either direction on the Santa Fe for the past 12 hours, and the prospect for immediate repairing of the break in the line between Bluewater and Granite are very poor. The track for nearly half a mile is washed out. It has been raining almost continuously for 60 hours. Overland train No. 2, which left Los Angeles on Saturday night, is stalled at Gallup.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. In the Matter of the Land Registry Acts, and re Lots 19 and 27, Alberni District. To T. R. Stephenson and to the Heirs of Robert Shaw:

Pursuant to the order of the Honorable Mr. Justice Duff, dated 4th April, 1905, notice is hereby given that Thomas Patterson has taken up any claim to or in fee of Lots 19 and 27, Alberni District, under Tax Sale deeds, dated 28th January, 1905, from the assessor of said District, who are required to contest the claim of the tax purchaser within thirty days from the first insertion of this notice, and in default of a caveat or certificate of pendens being filed, and in default of each of you will be forever estopped, and deemed to have accepted the claim in respect of the said lands, and the said Thomas Patterson will be registered as the owner thereof.

Dated this 6th day of April, 1905. J. C. FELL & GRIBBO, Solicitors for Thomas Patterson.

EXECUTIONS IN CHINA. Slicing to Death Has Been Abolished and Decapitation Substituted.

New York, April 25.—A Pekin dispatch to the Herald says that in response to a memorial of Mr. Wu Ting Fang, formerly Chinese minister to the United States, an imperial edict on Monday abolishes the punishment of slicing to death and substitutes immediate decapitation. Immediate strangulation is substituted for decapitation. A reprieve until after the autumn assizes is substituted for immediate strangulation and three reprieves annul the death penalty. Branding is also abolished.

Mr. Wu Ting Chang, the dispatch says, has been ordered to memorialize the throne for other beneficial changes. This success of Mr. Wu Ting Fang in reforming the Chinese criminal code is the most important move according to the advice which China has made in legitimate progress.

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