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SIR EDMUND WALKER.

A conspicuous figure in Canada's banking and financial world passes with the death this morning of Sir Edmund Walker, President of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, at the age of seventy-six. He had been ill but a few days, of pneumonia.

He was an outstanding Canadian, active in patriotic and philanthropic matters, a man of wide culture, and for many years an active and forceful leader in the banking world. By his death not only the great bank whose head he was so long but the whole country suffers a heavy loss. In his time he gave this country much wise counsel, and he was ever deeply interested in its welfare.

Fifty-six years ago he was a discount clerk in the Bank of Commerce. In 1886 he was general manager, and in 1907 he became president. While he devoted himself steadily to business he still found time for artistic and literary pursuits and for the promotion of many good causes. He was knighted in 1910. For a time he was president of the Canadian Bankers' Association. He wrote several books on banking and on art subjects. He was a member of the Board of Governors of Toronto University and a trustee of the Toronto General Hospital.

He touched life at many angles, lived to a ripe age, and was held in high esteem by his fellow Canadians. He had never been seriously ill in his life until a few days ago. Sir John Aldrich says truly of him: "Above all, Sir Edmund was a great Britisher. He was a man of many parts, prominent not only in finance but in education, art, and music."

A SENATOR ON THE SENATE.

Threatened men live long; and the gentlemen of the Senate prove it. They are continually threatened with the termination of their official existence, but the Senate is a hardy body and the longevity of its members is remarkable.

Just now there is a proposal for Senate reform from within. The senator from Senator Turfitt of Assiniboia, who has proposed a resolution, which, if it were adopted, and there is little likelihood that it will be—would produce very extensive changes. This western senator says his motive in proposing Senate reform is to accomplish economy and increase good government. These are worthy objects, to be sure, but whether his proposals meet the case is another question. He advocates five changes. Number one is that the membership of the Senate should be reduced gradually by one-third from a total of ninety-six to sixty-four. This he would accomplish by not filling vacancies as they occur, until each province had its quota reduced in accordance with the total of sixty-four at which he aims. Number two, is that after the reduction of membership has been thus effected, every senator who reaches the age of seventy-five shall be retired automatically. Number three, provides that senators so retired, shall receive a fitting superannuation allowance.

By his fourth suggestion, Senator Turfitt would guard against an over-whelming partisan majority in the Upper Chamber. When a new government came into power the senator would have the Prime Minister make appointments to the Senate as usual, until the majority of its members were government supporters, but after that had been done he would have the leader of the Opposition authorized to nominate every third member from each province and have the Premier appoint such nominees. His fifth proposal is that all private legislation shall be introduced through the Senate, and that the Senate shall have the right to amend or reject any bill introduced in the House of Commons.

The proposal to superannuate at the age of seventy-five does not appear to be a long step towards economy. There is much said concerning the great age of members of the Senate, but the fact remains that some of its members, whose years are many, are more useful to the country than many of their juniors.

Another proposal for Senate reform or abolition comes from the Commons. It is contained in a resolution standing in the name of Mr. J. W. Findlay, Progressive member for South Bruce. He would have the British North American Act amended so that Canada can have power to change the constitution from time to time without the primary object in view of either abolishing the Senate or making it elective, as may be decided by the people of Canada in a referendum vote at the next general election.

If we are to judge by the fate of previous attempts to reform the Senate, or to abolish it, these present day proposals are likely to produce a day or two of sounding debate in both the Senate and the Commons, and then be forgotten. Should the Senate be rash enough to persist in thwarting the will of the people as expressed through the Commons, there would come a sharp demand for an elective Senate, the term of the members to be limited.

Press Comment

A CANDID FRIEND.

The Montreal Gazette says that the Sutherland amendment to the Address was a mistake. The Speech from the Throne contained no specific proposal, and the Opposition should have waited for the legislation itself, and attacked it, if objectionable, "when they knew, and protectionist Liberals also knew, exactly what the Government's intentions were." On this point it quotes Sir John Bourinot on Canadian and British Parliaments.

"The Address is now framed," he said, "in such terms as may avoid the necessity on the part of the Opposition of moving any amendment or opening up a prolonged debate. It is felt that the questions mentioned in the Speech can be more conveniently discussed when the House is in full possession of all the information necessary to the consideration of any important subject." That, surely, is peculiarly applicable to the Speech with which the present session opened. There are occasions, adds Sir John Bourinot, when the House may be called upon to vote upon an amendment involving the fate of the Government, and it is not desirable to confine the debate to a general review of the policy of the Government, without taking up those specific subjects on which the necessary information is not yet before the House.

The effect, it says, was to strengthen the hands of the Government, "an effect which the Opposition can scarcely be said to have desired." The amendment was not good business, either from a party or a national point of view. This is candid talk from a Conservative and strongly protectionist journal. The Government will not complain, as it has obtained the huge majority of 121, together with some advice which may assist it in the ticklish business of amending the tariff.

FLAPPER POLITICS.

(Brandon Sun.)

Another phase of the securing of a voluntary expression of the will of the people by ballot is illustrated by the woman director of education for the U. S. democratic committee in the coming campaign. She is a woman of the women spell-binders and warning them on safety first methods of vote-getting. She declares, with a large slice of dogma, that political speakers cannot help but win the presidential election if they depend on feminine wiles. Over in the old country men are different, at least so their women candidates assert. One related all the kisses she had received, but neglected to recount the number given. Of course she was a lady, or at least had a title to that effect. More over, if the member for Virginia in the British Parliament was to come over as Lady Astor, her title would be worth buckets of votes to the party she favored. The ways of democracy are wonderful before aristocracy's wiles.

In the meantime, the United States electorate has to try other methods of persuading the intelligent vote to vote intelligently. So Mrs. Halsey W. Wilson is seeking the democratic national female carpet bagger. The American public, Mrs. Wilson believes, is particularly receptive when a woman speaks of political affairs in a serious, dignified manner. But flashy clothes, lipsticks and bobbed hair work to destroy such a manner. One must be demure, but not coquettish. She must wear not-to-modish clothes but smart garments. The lady does not say if the new hide-and-seek hats are "coquettish," but she does openly declare that women cannot use the "kidding" methods of men and expect to get away with them. They must, instead, with a great poise, and an intense look, which signify a singleness of purpose and a will to win which nothing can counteract, deal strictly with political business in a business-like way. Canadians would like to meet one of these poised, serious, dignified Hypatia-like, intense-looking in his politics, too, gathering votes without lipsticks and feminine wiles!

SIX YEARS AGO.

(Toronto Star.)

Six years ago the German war lords began their supreme effort to win the war. That last desperate onslaught was made along a fifty-mile front, between Arras and St. Quentin, in the hope of destroying the British army.

All that the world knew about the attack on the opening day, March 21st, 1918, was that at daybreak the Germans submitted the British front to a tremendous bombardment. The Kaiser Wilhelm had forecasted the offensive by messages delivered the day before at the decisive moment of the war and one of the greatest moments in German history.

The day following the opening of the terrible German offensive the British War Office announced that the enemy had broken through the British outpost line and into the battle positions behind. Each day made the situation look more serious. The army of General Gough was shattered, contact temporarily lost between the British and French forces, and a withdrawal of the allied armies to a distance of 50 miles necessitated.

During the next hundred days the world held its breath lest the Hun should win in spite of the gallant fight made through four years by the forces of democracy. In three months the Germans occupied 2,500 more square miles of French territory, captured 2,000 allied guns and took 200,000 prisoners.

But destiny was against the war lords. On the verge of success, they fell to utter ruin. The stamina of the allies saved the day. Reserves brought up from the end of the earth, including...

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ing a million United States' troops, whose presence permitted a more prodigious use of the allied reserves until these new troops were broken in to modern warfare, turned the tide and brought final victory to the side of Britain, France and Italy.

It is six years ago. But those tremendous events made such vivid impressions on the mind that it seems but yesterday. Many tragic events have occurred since, then, but they seem trifling alongside the experiences of the war.

The peace treaty has long been signed, but it does not yet appear what shall be the nature of the peace. The world lost its nerve in the war and something of its faith. It does not know where to go nor how to get there. Time must work its healing processes before humanity moves forward confidently to happier conditions.

GETTING TRADE FOR THE PORTS.

(Vancouver Sun.)

Now that various English ports, including Hull, have demonstrated an anxiety to establish better trade relations with the port of Vancouver, it would pay the Vancouver board of trade to suggest to these English boards an interchange of salaried officials who would act as trade agents for their home offices abroad.

One representative of the Vancouver board of trade attached to the Hull chamber of commerce, at this time, could do more to promote trade between the two ports in an hour than letter-writing could promote in a year. Similarly, representatives of British boards or chambers of commerce, attached to the Vancouver board, could work up a constantly increasing trade with Britain without the risk of mistakes and market errors that militate against the best of trade relations at present.

Splendid results have attended the visits of various trade delegations to Britain in the past. Permanent trade agents could triple those results and make them constant.

"RATHER AN ENGLISH THING TO DO."

(Bangor News.)

There was a big surprise when Edward C. Maples of Sheffield, England, was found dead in his little room in a Y. M. C. A. building in New York. Maples had been there for many weeks and had talked much of what "his buddies" did in the war. Always he gloved with the gas from the counter of his comrades. He never spoke of himself, and was set down as an unimportant hero-worshipper.

They found, after he had fallen asleep forever on his cot, that the self-effacing soldier had shrapnel marks all over his body and the evidence in his face of the gas from the counter he never recovered; also that he had four medals he never wore. They were the Victoria Cross, which is England's highest honor; the Distinguished Service Order, also British, and the French Military Medal and the Cross of the Legion of Honor.

To tell the truth, that was a rather English thing to do. Our British cousins, whatever their faults, are seldom given to boasting about their own exploits. They are more likely to cry through under-statement.

The same thing is true of Americans who are worth while. A genuine American hero doesn't brag. That is why it is so easy to spot the imitation hero.

F. L. POTTS THE PEOPLE'S CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

The Fascination of Taxation

Some candidates assure you they will send a delegation or gather information from all over the World to find a system of taxation; or go through the Natural History Society in search of cat, dog, and feline fowls, you might just as well be starving to death and take a nice juicy steak and rub it over your stomach and expect it to satisfy your appetite as to go on this wonderful voyage of discovery. Isn't it just wonderful, a candidate for Mayor assures you faithfully that although 12,000 citizens are asked to vote to elect him, he is going to select 25 citizens to sit with him at City Hall to advise him what is best to do. (I will be responsible to all the people.)

VOTE FOR F. L. POTTS FOR MAYOR.

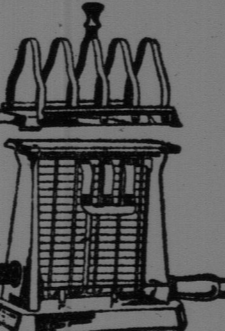
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NORTHERN SPRING.
(Toronto Globe.)

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Over the wakening valleys Mists like an incense rise. Gold and opal and amethyst Losing themselves in the skies. Ice breaks up in the harbor. The ships put out to sea. And every offshore wind that blows Is calling and calling me.

Full of a great reluctance These long Canadian springs. Full of an infinite beauty And promise of unborn things: Give me no Southern garden. His scented roses are vain When I think of the long brown furrows Waiting the Northern grain.

Hamilton, Ont. —Molly Bevan.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

(From the Centralia, Mo., Fireside Quail.)

Mrs. Riley McBride was years of age last Sunday and the happy event was last celebrated at her home in Centralia.

Progress

"We need more mutual understanding," "Yep," replied Farmer Cornsogel. "We're workin' along that way. The bankers think they know all about farming and the farmers think they know all about banking."

Meat Course

Arriving Missionary:—"May I ask what course you intend to take with me?"

Cannibal King:—"The regular one. You'll follow the fish."

Reason Enough.

Traveler:—"I have often wondered why the English were such tea bouncers."

Friends—"Yes?"

Traveler:—"Yeah, but I know now. I had some of their coffee."

Embarrassing Attention

"Do you know that you receive better attention from merchants who appreciate your patronage?" inquires an ad.

We can't say as to that, but we must

confers that we're getting a lot of attention right now from merchants who have enjoyed our patronage in the past, if you get what we mean, says the Buffalo Express.

Tell it to Conan Doyle
(From the Cincinnati Times-Star)

The dead student returned to the hotel and played checkers there just after 5 p. m. Tuesday. He appeared to be in good spirits. At 8 o'clock he talked to a demonstrator in a drug store across from the dental college. Then he left.

TWO COMMERCIAL MEN ON SICK LIST

Shediac, March 26.—(Special)—Harry W. McDonald, well known as a traveler for a St. John house, who is confined to his home owing to illness, was very dangerously ill last evening. He was somewhat better this morning and his friends are hoping that his condition may soon be much improved.

Owing to not being well, A. J. Webster, well known commercial traveler, has not been able to go on his trips of late. He is improving and his friends hope he will be able to resume duty in the near future.

MONCTON CITY ENGINEER.

St. John friends of J. D. (Jack) McBeath will learn with interest that Mr. McBeath will on April 1 take over the office of city engineer of Moncton, succeeding Engineer Eddington to whom

developed. He was also a sprinter and a first-class baseball player, having played on the Moncton senior amateur team, at third base, for several years.

During the war he was a captain in the engineers and was in charge of the engineers' recruiting office here before going overseas.

Mr. McBeath was in the city yesterday in connection with the petition of the city of Moncton for a revision of its lighting rates.

Mr. McBeath was graduated from the U. N. B. in 1906 with the degree of B. Sc., in civil engineering and stood high in his class. He excelled in several branches of athletics, being regarded as one of the best quarters in the history of varsity football, as well as one of the fastest and most accurate basketball players U. N. B. ever

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