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Public Opinion

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Editor CANADIAN COURIER,
Toronto:

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the article by Mr. Justice Longley, "The Power of Edward," in a recent issue, but there is one statement in reference to late Queen Victoria which I think should not be allowed to pass unnoticed, viz., "During her long reign she never set foot in Ireland until she was past eighty." We read in Biography of Queen Victoria, by R. R. Holmes, Librarian to the Queen, p. 112, That in August, 1849 (age 30), the Queen, accompanied by the Prince Consort and four children, sailed from Cowes for Ireland and landed at Cove of Cork. In commemoration of this event, by the pleasure of the Queen, this place henceforth was to be called Queenston. On this trip the Queen visited Cork, Kingston, Dublin and Belfast.

Again, p. 157, On the 21st August, 1861 (age 42), the Queen, with Prince Consort, the Princesses Alice, Helena and Prince Alfred, crossed in the Royal Yacht from Holyhead to Dublin. They landed next morning at Kingston and took up their residence in the Vice-Regal Lodge in the Riding Park. It is said that the Queen, in recognition of the warm welcome which she received from the Irish people on her visit and as a compliment to Ireland, gave the name of Patrick to her next born son, the present Duke of Connaught.

Yours truly,

W. H. ROBINSON.

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Editor CANADIAN COURIER:

Sir,—Journalism in Canada has only one Sir Knight in the person of Sir Hugh Graham, of the Montreal Star, but few know how near another Montreal newspaper man came to a similar honour as a result of the Imperial Press Conference last year.

Each of the delegations selected their own chairmen and secretaries, and on the first day of the conference all these overseas delegates met in the Waldorf Hotel to choose a chairman for the whole overseas contingent. On the sea journey to the Old Land the Canucks had selected Mr. James S. Brierly, of the Montreal Herald, as their spokesman, and Canada being the premier colony it was anticipated that he would be chosen for the chairmanship of the united delegations.

On his being nominated, however, he rose and declined the honour, at the same time moving Mr. R. Kyffin-Thomas, chairman of the Australasian group for the honour. Mr. Thomas was an exceedingly good selection and was thereupon unanimously endorsed, although had Mr. Brierly stood for office, he would in all probability, have been elected.

After the meeting several Canadians indignantly upbraided Mr. Brierly for passing such an honour, it being pointed out that he thereby missed a chance of playing the game for the Dominion. He was, however, obdurate. "I appreciate the honour, boys," he said, "but there may be some decorations coming from this, and Mr. Thomas is a wealthy man who can worthily wear such a distinction. And as Canada already has a newspaper Knight I felt I should not accept."

And so the last honour list contained notice of the conferring of a decoration which makes of the proprietor of the Register of Adelaide, Sir Robert Kyffin-Thomas.

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