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Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal

SCOTLAND points with just pride to the long list of illustrious sons whose labors in behalf of the Empire have indelibly stamped their names on the scroll of fame. The 'land of the heather' is a breeding place of genius but, by what is for the colonies a fortunate dispensation of Providence, nature seems not to have provided there a sufficient scope for its activity. Thus the Scot has gone forth to seek in other climes the opportunities denied by his native land. Scotland loses him, the Empire gains. The rapid political and industrial development of the colonies offer to the hand ready and willing to take hold, vast opportunities. To find these opportunities and to succeed, the Scot has wandered through the Greater Britain in America, Africa and Australia. In our own country especially have these sons of destiny been favored, and in the building up of Canada many a Scotsman has made his mark. We are concerned in this article with one of these, a Scotch Canadian, a worthy subject for a more worthy pen, that 'type of a man', known to us better perhaps as Donald Smith, revered by all as Lord Strathcona.

Donald H. Smith was born in 1820 at Archieston a village in Morayshire, There he received a solid education and at the age of eighteen, acting on the advice of an uncle employed with the Hudson