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IN THE PUBLIC VIEW



Mr. A. Kelly Evans,
Sec.-Treas. Ontario Fish and Game Protective
Association.

MR. KELLY EVANS, secretary of the Ontario Fish and Game Protection Association, is to enter politics. He will run as a Conservative candidate in South Toronto for the express purpose of impressing upon the Ontario Legislature that the Provincial Government has a duty to perform towards the fish. For a long while now the fisheries on the Great Lakes that front Ontario have been in need of some attention. The deep water fishing in pounds is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. The great shoals of herring and whitefish that used to get into the great pound nets along the shores by hundreds of tons in a season are being sadly depleted. In fact an old fisherman on Lake

Erie last summer alleged that the fish were becoming so scarce that is had become necessary for the herring to cross-breed with the whitefish—and for proof he had a huge fish that was neither whitefish nor herring, but a good deal of both. Mr. Kelly Evans will see that this is no longer necessary. He is one of the best authorities on fish and game conservation in Canada. At the end of this month he will go to New Brunswick and deliver addresses on this subject; he will also assist in the formation of branches of the New Brunswick Fish and Game Protective Association.

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ONE of the most noted and practical Imperialists ever known is dead—Sir Howard Vincent, the celebrated authority on Preferential Trade, who was well known in this country. Sir Howard was a genial, kindly gentleman; one of the finest of the type that ever visited Canada. He was a whole-souled enthusiast who had studied the Empire at first hand by a good deal of globe-trotting. Whenever he hung up his hat at a room in a hotel and began to unpack his trunks he was sure to be a splendid subject for the interviewer, to whom he talked on Imperial politics as genially as though the reporter were an old friend. Sir Howard was an author, one of his best-known books being "Russia's Advance Eastward." He was an ardent protectionist of the Chamberlain school and was regarded as Mr. Chamberlain's first lieutenant. He was last in Canada in 1906 and had paid a former visit in 1905. Born in 1849, Sir Howard entered politics in 1885 as member for Central Sheffield; had been called to the bar in 1876; was for seven years member of the London County Council, and in 1891 he founded the United Empire Trade League. He was an expert and enthusiastic cricketer.

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THE first play that ever had for its chief aim an attack on the Church has just been brought out by Mr. O. Rann Kennedy, husband of the well-known actress, Gwynne Matthison, recently leading lady to the late Sir Henry Irving. Mr. Kennedy has been in Canada with his accomplished wife; for several seasons they played together in open-air Shakespeare under Ben Greet, visiting both Montreal and

Toronto. Mr. Kennedy has an engaging personality; one of the most effervescent and cultivated talkers that ever wore a make-up. Off the stage he was a great deal happier than when on; he said of himself that he was but an indifferent actor but was content to leave the honours in that connection to his wife, who is one of the best living exponents of Shakespeare and has won recognition on three continents. Mr. Kennedy likes writing plays better than acting them. He is an eminent Shakespearean scholar and a Shakespearean author; is descended from a long line of famous Oxford scholars and was educated for the Church at Oxford. In conversation in Toronto a few years ago he demonstrated how far he had wandered from the orthodox church doctrines by the statement: "God is a great comedian." The play, "The Servant in the House," which has been given its first production in Baltimore, is a logical deduction. The United States papers speak highly of the play.



The late Col. F. W. Cumberland,
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MR. R. L. RICHARDSON is again into politics. The independent editor and proprietor of the Winnipeg "Tribune" was not able to resist the temptation to take another hand in the great game that the West is learning to play as large as the East. He is remembered as the lone independent in the House of Commons as member for Lisgar in the days when Frank Oliver left the ranks of the fighting independents from the West and became a true Liberal. Mr. Richardson went into politics as member for Lisgar in 1896. In 1904 he went out; went back to Winnipeg to run the "Tribune" as his chief aim in life. He is an old-timer in Winnipeg and one of its most remarkable citizens. In his office—if you can manage to drag him away from an absorbing hot editorial—he becomes a bustling man of affairs and of ideas—mainly the latter if he has time to get into the full swing. He is a strenuous believer in what he calls ideals and is quite convinced that the West needs ideals; that there is a wholesale decadence of ideals in that land; people, he says, are too much after the dollar and not enough after Carlyle and Ruskin and the poets. He says he is one of those poor men who neglected to take the tide when it was rising—the tide in the affairs of men when real estate began to go to four thousand dollars a foot in Winnipeg and left a lot of the old-timers high and dry on the rocks and the sands. Mr. Richardson is an able man.

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PROFESSOR BARKER, head of the Johns Hopkins medical faculty in Baltimore, has been made an LL.D. of Queen's University. Dr. Barker is one of the ablest medical authorities in the world and is a Canadian born, bred and educated. He got his medical education in the old Toronto Medical School and at Toronto University. On his last visit to this country he spoke at the Toronto University Convocation, where he was given the degree of Doctor of Laws on his accession to the post occupied so long and eminently by Dr. Osler. Dr. Barker's career in medicine stamps him as one of the ablest recruits in the grand army of educated Canadians.



The Prince and Princess of Wales leaving Dover
for Germany. Their latest photograph