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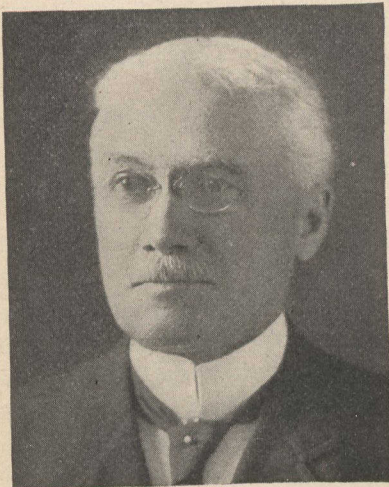
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IN THE PUBLIC VIEW



Sir Hugh Graham,
Proprietor of Montreal Star

CANADA received a fair share of the Birthday honours. And by the way, few people realise how much these honours—present, past and possible—affect our relations with the British Empire. The distribution of them in Canada has been fairly well done. The people generally would not recall more than one or two of them, had they an opportunity. Sometimes, the cynic says that they are granted for political services or because somebody had done something for somebody that is Somebody. Yet the cynic has never proved much, and the Fountain of Honour flows unclouded by any dirt-throwing. The insignia bestowed by the British sovereign are not excelled by any in the estimation of the world's public that knows.

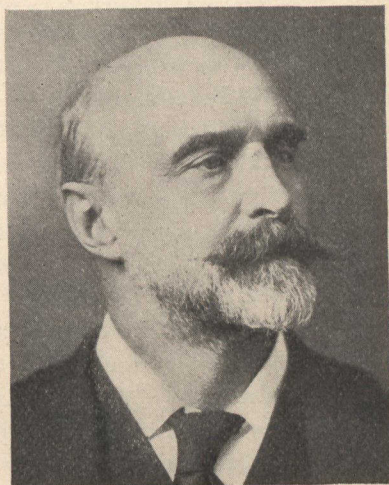
The first Canadian newspaper publisher to receive a knighthood is Sir Hugh Graham, whose chief claim to recognition on a business basis is the Montreal Star. Sir Hugh has made the Star the most influential paper in Canada. But it is not the Montreal Star that has brought distinction to its owner, who has long been known as one of the most public-spirited men in Canada. Sir Hugh's services in fighting the smallpox epidemic in Montreal in 1885 are still spoken of for the devotion and willingness to run personal risks which they displayed; but he probably first attracted the attention of the Imperial Government when he raised his India Famine Fund, approximating one hundred thousand dollars. Later came the Boer War. Sir Hugh's activities on this occasion were known and appreciated throughout the Empire. At a critical moment when it seemed doubtful whether Canada would move, a cablegram came to the Star office that the New Zealand troops had sailed for the seat of war. Sir Hugh repeated this message to thousands of Canadian mayors and militia officers, asking what they thought Canada should do. The hearty response launched the movement for the sending of the Canadian contingents. Then there was the fund which Sir Hugh raised from the school children of Canada for the families of soldiers stricken in the war, and his anonymous arrangement to insure against death and accident the members of the Canadian contingents. The effect of these repeated acts of practical loyalty was to draw forth the kindest expressions from the late Queen, and Imperial honours for Sir Hugh were then proposed. But it was not until his interest in the late Tercentenary celebration at Quebec again attracted royal attention that he accepted them.



Major-General Sir Percy Lake,
Inspector-General.

Sir Edward Seaborne Clouston, the General Manager of the Bank of Montreal, has earned his prefix as well as any. He is head of Canada's greatest bank; of the institution that for stability ranks next in the Empire to the Bank of England. Many people in eulogising the bank have overlooked the man who for eighteen years has been at its head. Sir Edward Clouston, however, happens to be a genuine financier who has never become even moderately famous for any other line of activity; first and always a banker; always in the Bank of Montreal. He was born

at a place where there never had been and is not yet a bank—away up on the shores of Hudson's Bay at a fur post, remote and rugged and bleak; Moose Factory, where his father was chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company. Thus the banker had the advantage of a good start in one of the greatest commercial systems the world has ever known; looking out upon one of the world's great water highways now being exploited by the newspapers as one of the grain outlets of America. Since 1865, the year when young Clouston came down out of the north to be junior clerk in the Bank of Montreal, he has been climbing and growing and increasing in prestige as a banker. He was chosen first President of the Canadian Bankers' Association in 1893, but declined the honour. He is a member of the Council of the Art Association in Montreal, a Governor of the Royal Victoria Hospital and President of the Montreal Rolling Mills Company. As a representative of Canadian finance no better candidate for baronetcy could have been found than Sir Edward Clouston.

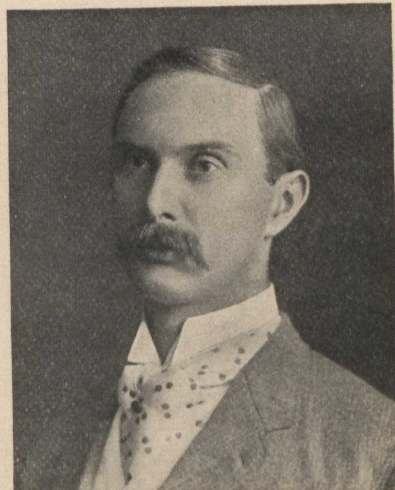


Sir Edward Clouston, Bart.
General Manager, Bank of Montreal.

THE term of office of Major-General Sir Percy H. N. Lake expires this month. Up to March last, he was Chief of Staff, being probably the last Imperial officer to hold that position. At that time he was transferred to the Inspector-General's department, so as to allow General Otter to take up the work as Chief of Staff. This shuffle was probably due to a desire that the Militia Department be put in good working order before General Lake returns to England. He is the only Imperial officer who was ever invited to spend a second term in Canada, and when he leaves us he will carry away the best wishes of the Canadian militia. He has never "bumped" Canadian feelings and by his diplomacy has won more for progress than most of his fighting predecessors.

DR. GEORGE H. LOCKE, the new Librarian of the City of Toronto Public Library, is a Torontonian by birth but he belongs to "the exodus". He went from the University of Toronto and the Ontario School of Pedagogy to Chicago University. There he was connected with the College of Education. From there he went to Ginn & Co., Boston, and thence to Ste. Anne de Bellevue, to take up educational work in connection with Sir William Macdonald's new institution. Now he is back to Toronto—in a position which will probably absorb all his attention for the rest of his days. He will be at the head of the finest public library in Canada, in the finest library building, and surrounded by a community more open to educational development along library lines than any other Canadian community. Tall, energetic, robust of tone and speech, he should make an ideal head of this developing institution. Keen, fearless, broadminded, he will be another potent element in the intellectual life of Ontario.

Dr. Locke, having had in his boyhood the varied experiences of a Son of the Parsonage, is no doubt prepared for the multiform demands made upon the head of a metropolitan library, who is in the fullest sense, a public minister six days in the week.



Dr. George H. Locke,
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