

COMPLEX PERSONALITY OF ONTARIO'S CHIEF JUSTICE

Sir William Meredith, Eminent Lawyer, Politician and University Chancellor, a Dominating Figure in Ontario Public Life for Many Years.

(By W. A. Craik.) It would require a book to do justice to the complex personality of the extraordinary man who now fills the office of chief justice of Ontario.

The eldest son of a remarkable family consisting of eight sons and four daughters, Sir William was born on a backwoods farm eight miles from London, Ontario, on March 31, 1840.

Soon after the birth of his eldest son, John Meredith gave up the rough life of the farm and went to Port Stanley as deputy collector of customs.

to the office of clerk of the division court of Middlesex, a position which he held continuously until he lost his life in the Thames disaster of 1881.

His Early Life. William Ralph, or "Bill" as he became known by his numerous associates, attended the old London Grammar School.

This legal mentor was the late Thomas Scatcherd. Mr. Scatcherd, who held the office of the future chief justice went to a student.

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In the year 1872 the new law making it impossible for a man to sit concurrently in the Dominion House of Commons and the provincial legislature, deprived the late Sir John Gilling of his seat at Toronto.

In many respects Sir William was an able leader, but even had he been the most capable of men, it is doubtful if he could have made any more serious inroads on the government majority than he did.

was Sir Oliver Mowat, an eminently solid, sure-footed and careful legislator who left few openings for attack.

Sir William has been personally blamed for the lack of success of his party in Ontario politics, when at Ottawa all were of their way.

Meanwhile in 1888 Mr. Meredith removed his home from London to Toronto, where he received the appointment of corporation counsel.

It is true that with many eminent lawyers, election to the bench has meant retirement from the public eye which they previously occupied.

Behind the scenes. Behind the scenes he has also been busy himself, not only as a stage-carpenter and scene shifter but as a promoter.

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The government department of railways in Berlin has circulated a solemn warning, urging women railway employees to return to their "usual" behavior towards passengers.

Queen Mary of England, has an utter dislike to diaries.



Red Sunflower at Horticultural Show

Hundred and Fifty Different Varieties of Sweet Peas Make Fine Exhibition.

LONDON, July 26.—One of the novelties at the Royal Horticultural Society's show at the Holland House, Kensington, was a new red sunflower, exhibited by Suttons for the first time in this country.

A broad band of chestnut red runs round the base of the yellow petals. It is a cross between the common annual yellow sunflower and the common wild sunflower of North America, made by Professor Cockerell of Boulder University, Colorado.

The gold medals were awarded as follows: Lord Liangtack (pine apple), Sir Randolph Baker (sweet peas), the Hon. Vicary Gibbs (vegetables), Blackmore and Langdon (gonias), H. B. May & Sons (roses), Wm. Paul & Sons (walkers cross roses), Paul & Sons (roses), Sander & Sons (orchids), Sutton & Sons (sweet peas).

Murderess Eats Victim's Heart

German Widow Confesses to a Terrible Crime.

BERLIN, July 26.—The existence of cannibalism in Germany came to light in the recent trial of a widow named Kockertitz, who was sentenced to death for murdering her lover, mutilating the body, baking the heart of her victim and eating it.

ELECTRIC COOKING

The solution of the problem of electric cooking seems to be brought nearer by the new plan of heat storage. This requires only a moderate current continuously, and enough can be supplied at the time when a peak load is not overtaxing the capacity of the central station.

When needed for use the insulating lid is removed from the top of the block, exposing a glass hot surface to receive cooking utensils. When the cooking is over, the lid is replaced and the heat continues to accumulate until again wanted.

"MODESTY." A Sonnet by A. O. M.

There burns thy lamp thou bright and glittering stone! For ages thou hast been the Kafir's ghost, Who as they passed at eve asked Heaven's host To save them till their stars might shine alone.

C. N. R. TUNNEL THRU MOUNT ROYAL WILL BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR.

Gigantic Work of Affording Entrance of Railway to the Metropolis Going Ahead Rapidly—Nature of the Cutting and Obstacles Encountered.

MONTREAL, July 26.—(Special.)—Few works in railway construction are attracting more attention in Canada at present than the three-mile twin tunnel, which the Canadian Northern Railway is boring thru the heart of Mount Royal here.

The land that the railway purchased to make its entrance into Montreal cost \$4,500,000, the work will cost many millions more, but out of the sale of its "model city" lots and the increased traffic of the city the railway hopes to make its profit.

1914, the tunnel should be ready to give C. N. R. trains an entrance into the city. There are, of course, many things to be constructed in addition to the tunnel itself.

The race in which the young princess took part was that for the Ladies' Challenge Shield. In this the competitors have to swim fifty yards, by breast stroke, and to pass in floating, diving and ornamental swimming.



Missing Policeman Found at Montreal

Allan Wright, Wanted at Ingersoll For Theft, Arrested After Clever Police Race.

MONTREAL, July 26.—Driven to the open by a decoy of police went in the name of his wife, Allan Wright, a policeman, wanted in Ingersoll, Ont., on a charge of larceny, walked into the central police station this morning and gave himself up.

Wright disappeared from Ingersoll about a week ago, leaving his wife behind him. A warrant for his arrest on a charge of stealing a considerable amount of money had been taken out against him, but all efforts to find him were fruitless.

Growing suspicious Wright wired home and found that his wife was still there. Then, convinced that his wife was a trap into which he might fall, and knowing that he could not possibly board the Empress Mary, he walked into the central station and gave himself up.

Princess Mary is A Splendid Swimmer

Daughter of King George Enters Competition for Ladies' Challenge Shield.

LONDON, July 26.—Among those taking part in the annual swimming and diving competitions at the Bath Club there was no keener competitor than Princess Mary, who has well been named the "open-air Princess." For five years she has been a member of the Bath Club, to which the Princess of Wales also belongs.

Common Theatre Outdoes the Best

Rough Paris Music Hall Causes the Theatrical Sensation of the Season.

PARIS, July 26.—One of the theatrical sensations of Paris at the present time is the Theatre Bobbins, where revivals of Moliere's plays are being given under peculiar circumstances.

LORD SELBORNE TALKS HOME RULE TO WELSH CROWD

Tory Politician Who Lacks Logic in Opposing Disestablishment of Church in Wales.

HE CAME TO CURSE

And Behold He Blessed Liberal Policy—Why Should England Interfere in Local Question?

(By Hector Macpherson.) LONDON, July 26.—Lord Selborne has been playing the part of a political Balaam. He has been invited to Swansea, to a great demonstration against the Welsh disestablishment bill.

There were some things, he said, that concerned England and Wales alone, but did not concern Scotland and Ireland. His contention was that, inasmuch as Scotland and Ireland had no concern with the disestablishment of the Church in Wales, therefore they should not meddle with it.

Moreover, if Scotland and Ireland are not to be allowed to interfere in English affairs, why should England interfere in Scottish and Irish affairs? Sound Political Theory.

Lord Selborne has got hold of a sound political theory. He is a home ruler, and he would like to apply his theory when it suits the times, just as it suited them to coquet with home rule for Ireland during the conference over the Parliament Act.

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