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SIR LOUIS DAVIES.

A great Canadian passes over with the death of Sir Louis Davies, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada. He was the foremost of the men Prince Edward Island has given to Canadian public life, and it may be said of him that not only was he in the first rank of Canada's distinguished sons but that none was held in higher repute for integrity and devoted public service.

The political activities of Sir Louis take us back to the day when the Maritime Provinces were represented in the Dominion cabinet by Hon. Mr. Fielding, then as now Finance Minister, by Hon. Mr. Blair as Minister of Railways, and by Hon. Mr. Davies as Minister of Marine. It was the day when Maritime influence in Ottawa was at high tide. Hon. Mr. Davies had been Premier of his own province, Prince Edward Island, and after he entered federal politics he had much to do with organizing the Liberal forces for the campaign of 1896 which ushered in Liberal rule lasting until 1911. While he was Minister of Marine he gave distinguished service in connection with our fisheries disputes with the United States, the Alaska boundary, and other international questions. He left the cabinet in 1901 for the Supreme Court to Canada, and seventeen years later he succeeded Sir Charles Fitzpatrick as Chief Justice.

He was a jurist of high repute, a man of much personal charm, a speaker of uncommon ability, and of fine and dignified presence. His public and private life were honorable in the highest degree. The period of his active career in public life was one remarkable not only for length but for the admirable quality of the service he gave the country. St. John in the old days knew Sir (then the Honorable) Louis Davies both as a political speaker of great power and as a lecturer of ability. He was one of those who contributed to a famous course of lectures in the old Mechanics' Institute. All Canada will hear of his death with regret, for he was one of the country's greatest sons.

A LITTLE ADVICE.

A fine tribute to John Bull and some advice to Canadians were features of an address before the Empire Club of Toronto delivered a few days ago by Otto H. Kahn, a banker of international reputation who gave considerable aid to the Allied cause during the war. A German by birth, Mr. Kahn was a British subject from early manhood until just before the United States entered the war, when he became an American citizen. He returned recently after a tour of study of European conditions, and he believes the European situation is improving steadily. For thirty years past, he said to his Toronto audience, it had been the custom to speak of "poor old John Bull as going to the dogs. Somebody was always ruining him. Germany, Japan, or the States." And all that time Britain was to be found at the old stand, doing business in her old, wise, honorable way. In spite of dire predictions in pre-war days, through-out the dreadful strain of an appalling war, beset with trials, tribulations and problems since its close, she stood four-square to all the winds that blow. And so she stands today, troubled but game, warranting unabated faith in her future. I have no doubt that England, in due course, will succeed in solving her problems and emerging once more into the sunlight of full prosperity and potency. That she should succeed, and that she is the best interest, moral and material, of all the world." Of British characteristics he praised especially the sound sense of the people, their age-old instinct for fitness and fairness, and their characteristic capacity to recognize and deal with the realities of things.

In reply to an invitation to say a word as to Canada and Canadians in the way of advice, of which there is no lack in these days, Mr. Kahn did not confine himself wholly to material matters. Among the things he said were these:

"Seek diligently to understand one another's views, aims and problems—man and man, calling and calling, section and section. Seek diligently to be fair and helpful to one another. Realize that, inescapably, you are all in the same boat, that all your problems are common problems, that the way to progress and prosperity is to pull everybody down, but to pull everybody up, that the means towards combating poverty is not to be found in division, but in multiplication. While striving to enrich your country by strenuously carrying on the things of material purpose, aim to enrich it likewise by cultivating those of the spirit, the things of art, culture, beauty, faith, science."

"Practice economy, both nationally and individually. It is one of the urgent needs of the day. Make every effort to have taxation reduced to the strictly necessary and to have it applied not according to political, but to scientifically economic considerations. Unwisely laid or unduly high

anywhere else, there is need for a revolution in public thought and action in relation to the destruction of the forests through carelessness.

Plans for new buildings and additions, outlined in today's Times, indicate a season of greater building activity than the city has known in many years.

Press Comment

THE PACIFIC PORT.

(Vancouver Evening Sun.)
Vancouver, not Montreal, is now the port of Western Canada back to the boundaries of Manitoba, if not farther. Railway rates must one day be equalized on that fundamental principle.

EMPLOYER WITH VISION.

(Forbes Magazine.)
Many a narrow-visioned employer regards himself as the engine of a train and tries to pull the whole load. The wise employer regards himself rather as the engineer.

GIRLS.

(Bangor Commercial.)
A British critic of the modern girl accuses her of lack of intelligence, shortage in knowledge of life's affairs. There may be many counts against her of today, but if hearsay be accepted, those listed by the English critic are not among them. The modern girl has an intelligence that staggers those reared in the old school. She is quick to learn from jazz to the classics, and knows how to make the most of opportunity. As for the affairs of life, if there is one line along which she has knowledge it is that. She knows more of life and its affairs in a minute than did her grandmother in a year. There may be some life affairs that the modern girl doesn't know, but no one knows that she doesn't know.

GUARANTEEING FARM PROFITS.

(Boston Post.)
The McNary-Haugen bill, which has been favorably reported by a House committee, proposes to take \$200,000 out of the public treasury to form a corporation under government auspices, for the purpose of raising prices of foodstuffs. The consumer is called upon to furnish the means whereby prices will be increased to him in order to favor the farmer.

It is possible to understand the viewpoint of the agricultural bloc demanding this extraordinary legislation. They contend that if by high tariff, prices of manufactured goods may be kept high to favor the manufacturer, it is equally fair and justifiable to provide a device which will aid the farmer at the public's expense.

Admitting that there is little if any difference in principle between the two sets of ideas, in that each taxes the whole for the benefit of a part, the method of raising the bounty for the farmer through the McNary-Haugen bill is faulty, and is almost certain to cost more than the possible benefit to the farmer.

It is obvious enough that in the matter of wheat prices, the chief trouble is that too much wheat is being produced. The United States has a big surplus of grain which must be sold in competition with the surpluses from Canada, Russia, the Argentine and India. The McNary-Haugen bill by virtually guaranteeing a high price to the farmer for his wheat simply means that this surplus of wheat will be perpetuated.

Instead of alleviating the agricultural situation, this measure bids fair to aggravate it.

LOOKING BETTER.

(Ottawa Citizen.)
Now come cable dispatches from South Africa which at any rate are reassuring. Premier Smuts' outline of Government policy contains no alarming prophecies, and on the whole is confident and matter-of-fact. But perhaps more allaying is the declaration of General Hertzog, leader of the Nationalist party, that "the republican bogey in the British Union of South Africa has been killed," and the disclosure that the limit of his aspirations seems to be independence of the Privy Council and the election of their own Governor-General. Such words have been heard in Ontario not very long since, and they therefore will not bring a tremor to Canadians. If the press despatches accurately sum up the attitudes of the two leaders, there is every reason to believe that South Africa will remain

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For millions yet to wed the virgin soil.
That she may yield, as it were a new creating,
Life for a billion weary sons of toil.

Regal her mountains, giant-like her rivers,
She hath her own mediterranean seas;
Prairies more vast, where now no heartstone quivers,
Where yet shall rise the song of vintages.

Forests she hath, where great pines wave their tassels
High o'er the green leaves of ten thousand trees,
Waiting to build men cottage-homes or castles;
Those sing the music of the far-off seas.

Great, rough and strong this land is,
Like some Viking.
Whose sons all feel they are of kingly line.

When will some bard, the silent harp rough-striking,
Praise to all times the Land of
—William P. McKenzie, in "Songs of the Human."

WE HAVE WOOD TO BURN.

(Ottawa Journal.)
Three acres of a French forest were burned down through the carelessness of a cigarette smoker, and the news was considered of sufficient interest to put on the cable yesterday. Three acres! Pooh! We can burn that much of Canadian forests every minute and not blink an eyelash. Great is Canada.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A Sad Prediction
Fortune-teller—"A dark lady will visit you for a day."
Client—"It must be the new cook I just engaged."

A Not Unusual Attack
Many a man has amnesia when it comes to remembering a debt of gratitude.

Gives Us a Merry Run
We pursue happiness as a kitten pursues its tail. And, like the kitten, we enjoy the chase, even though it is unsuccessful.

That Was Different
A movie comedian stopped a man he knew and charged him with saying that

he, the movie actor, was without a sense of humor.
"You're mistaken," replied the other. "What I said was that you had no sense of humor."

Not The Same Thing
Edith—"Jack told me last night I was the only girl he ever loved."
Ethel—"Pshaw! He was engaged to me a month ago."

A Monopolized Motor
Hobbs—"How do you like your chauffeur?"
Jobbs—"I don't know anything about

him personally, but my wife and daughter tells me he drives my car very well."

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New and old friends will see in your choice of Stationery an expression of good taste and personality.
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