

## Mentioned in Despatches

**Mr. F. W. Avery**, whose death has just occurred at Ottawa, was one of the best known lumbermen in a city where lumbering, next to the making of laws, is the chief industry. Mr. Avery was born in New York State in 1852, but came to Canada as a young man and took an active part in business. He was a director of several lumber corporations, being a partner of Sir George Perley. Apart from his activities in business Mr. Avery was chiefly concerned with religious and philanthropic work.

**Aga Khan**, the religious and temporal head of the Moslems in India and throughout the greater portion of Asia and Africa, has just received exceptional honors from King George. At the outbreak of war Aga Khan pledged the loyalty of the ninety million Moslems in India to the British Crown and himself offered to serve in any capacity, even as a private, in any regiment King George would designate. At the same time he gave the British fully equipped batteries, ambulances, hospital trains, and many other equipments. He is not only one of India's richest men, but as head of the Moslems, of that country, has a tremendous influence which he is exerting on behalf of the British Crown.

**Sir Arthur Nicholson**, who has resigned as Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs owing to ill-health, has held the position for the past six years. He was born in England in 1849, and educated at Oxford, and at once entered the Diplomatic Service. For over forty years Sir Arthur has been connected with the Foreign Offices, and as Secretary to various ambassadors at foreign courts, and also as ambassador to Madrid and Petrograd. He is regarded as being particularly well qualified for the post of Under Secretary, but doubtless his experience and knowledge will still be available, although he is retiring from active service. He has been succeeded temporarily by Baron Hardinge, formerly Viceroy of India.

**The Hon. George H. Murray**, Premier of Nova Scotia, who has just been honoured by his colleagues in the Legislature, has just concluded his twentieth session as Premier of his native province. Premier Murray is in his fifty-fifth year, having been born at Grand Narrows, N.S., was educated at Boston University, and called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 1883. He has been Premier of the province since 1896, succeeding the Hon. W. S. Fielding in that position. During the twenty years he has put a lot of constructive legislation upon the statute books of the province, being a most thorough-going, careful and constructive statesman. Much of the progress made by Nova Scotia during the past two decades is due to the untiring efforts of its Premier.

**Sir Alexander Lacoste**, of Montreal, Senator, Chief Justice, and well known as a director of many corporations, has just celebrated his golden wedding. He was born at Boucherville, Quebec, in 1842, and educated at Laval University. He was called to the Quebec Bar away back in 1863 and appointed Chief Justice of the Province of Quebec in 1891. He has had conferred upon him every honor in the gift of the legal profession; has been a councillor of the Province of Quebec, a Dominion Senator and ex-Speaker, as well as being chairman of the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, and is keenly interested in the parks and playgrounds movement, and every other worthy object. His wife was Marie Louise Globensky.

**Col. Charles Coventry**.—The British Empire covers such an extensive territory that there are engagements taking place in a dozen or more centres during the present world conflict. Recently Col. Charles Coventry, second son of Lord Coventry, was surprised and taken prisoner while on a reconnoitering expedition some fifty miles east of the Suez Canal. He has been carried off to prison, where it is presumed he will be kept until the end of the war. This is not the first time that he has seen the inside of a military prison. As a young lieutenant he took part in the Jameson Raid, was captured by the Boers, lodged in prison and doomed to death. He was later sent out of the country and returned to England, where he was sentenced to six months in jail for violating the laws of neutrality in taking part in the Jameson Raid. Later he saw service in West Africa, where he distinguished himself by the gallantry of his conduct. He is a particularly efficient officer, and his capture by a superior Turkish force is greatly to be regretted.

**Lieut. Gordon K. Ross**, Secretary of the Royal Trust Company, Montreal, has made the supreme sacrifice. Ross, who was thirty-one years of age, was born and lived in Montreal and previous to going overseas was Secretary of the Royal Trust Company, a position he held for many years. When he reached England his well-known knowledge of finance secured for him an offer to remain in the Pay and Record Office, but he preferred to get into the trenches. After some two months fighting in France he was killed in action. The day after the cable came announcing his death his parents received a letter from him telling of his experiences.

**Rev. Principal Smyth**.—The 199th Irish-Canadian Rangers almost secured a new recruit a few days ago in the person of the Rev. Principal Smyth, of the Wesleyan Theological College. The eloquent head of the Methodist Church in Montreal tried to enlist as a private, but was rejected as physically unfit. He declares, however, that this will not prevent him urging other young men to go. Principal Smyth is an Irishman, who came to the Wesleyan College from Belfast about three years ago. He is a forceful speaker, a good student, and generally regarded as one of the coming men in the Methodist Church in Canada.

**Private W. F. Carroll** is the only member of the Canadian Militia who is entitled to write M. P. after his name. The member of South Cape Breton has just enlisted in the 185th Battalion for overseas service, and makes the twenty-ninth member of Parliament to serve his country in a military capacity, but the first to enlist as a private. Mr. Carroll was born in Nova Scotia in 1887, educated at St. Francois Xavier College, and was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 1905. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1911, where he is regarded as one of the most useful and progressive of the younger members. The new M. P. private is a Liberal in politics, and a Roman Catholic in religion.

**The Hon. J. A. Ouimet**, whose death has just occurred in Montreal, was one of the outstanding men in the Province of Quebec, occupying in his day important positions in the political, judicial and financial affairs of the country. The late Judge Ouimet typified to a very large extent the French Canadian fondness for law, journalism and politics. He was a former editor of *La Minerve*, prominent as a lawyer, and later as a judge of the *Puise* Court, was for twenty-four years a member of the House of Commons, its Speaker for four years, and later Minister of Public Works under Sir John A. Macdonald. He was also president of the Montreal City and District Savings Bank and a director of a number of other corporations. He was in his seventieth year.

**Mr. F. Orr Lewis**, who presided at the launching of the new ice-breaker the *J. D. Hazen*, of Montreal, a few days ago, is chairman of the Canadian Board of Directors of Canadian Vickers, Limited, builders of the boat. Mr. Lewis was born and educated at Kingston, Ontario, but has been in business in Montreal for a great many years, being president of Lewis Brothers, Limited, wholesale hardware merchants, a director of the Merchants Bank, and president of the Canadian Vickers. During recent years he has divided his time between Montreal and London, England. He has had the unforgettable experience of being on a ship that was torpedoed, having been a passenger on the *Lusitania* when she was sunk a year ago off the south coast of Ireland.

**Mr. Lloyd Harris**, who has been providing some fireworks in connection with the shell investigation at Ottawa, is one of the best known business men of the Dominion. He was a former member of Parliament for Brantford and is connected with a score or more corporations, some of the more important of which are: the Russell Motor Car Company, of which he is president; the Dominion Power and Transmission Company; Steel Company of Canada; the Canada Starch Company, and the Trust and Guarantee Company. Mr. Harris was born at Beamsville, Ont., in 1867, and educated at Brantford. He was originally in the services of A. Harris, Son and Company, Implement Manufacturers, and represented them in Europe. Mr. Harris is keenly interested in sport, takes an active interest in military matters and also in politics and civil affairs, but first and last is essentially a business man.

**Gen. Nivelle**, who has succeeded Petain as commander of the French forces at Verdun, is one of the "finds" of the war. Nivelle was picked out for promotion early in the contest by Gen. Joffre, who had seen his remarkably able work as a commander of artillery brigades. The French guns have been a big factor in the fighting from the very outset, and as the fighting at Verdun has settled down into a big gun contest Nivelle will doubtless be able to hold up his end of the game. The new defender of Verdun is sixty years of age. He has had a lengthy military experience, all of which will stand him in good stead now that he is face to face with the biggest task ever imposed upon a general.

**Mr. Alfred F. Smithers**, whose letter to Sir Robert Borden just made public asking him to take over the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and thus relieve the Grand Trunk of the burden, is chairman of the company's Board of Directors in England, although Mr. E. J. Chamberlain is president of the Company. Mr. Smithers is one of those quiet, unassuming, thorough-going Englishmen with an intimate knowledge of banking, general business, and railroading. He was born in England in 1850 and in addition to his connection with the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific Railways, is a director of the South-eastern Railroad in England, and chairman of the English Association of Share and Bondholders. His father was a prominent official in the Bank of England, thus Mr. Smithers comes honestly by his interest in financial matters.

**Dr. Michael Clark, M.P.**, known everywhere as "Red Michael," is doing most effective work in aiding recruiting. He recently visited Montreal and spoke on behalf of the Irish Rangers, giving as an excuse for being linked up with the Irish that part of his name was Hibernian, while as a cattleman of the West he is entitled to be known as a Ranger. Dr. Clark is member for Red Deer, Alta., and known from Coast to Coast as the most ardent free trader of the Dominion and a Radical of the most advanced type. He is an Englishman brought up in the free trade school of Gladstone, and when he came to Canada a dozen or so years ago he brought with him his Radical and free trade principles. Dr. Clark is one of the best informed and most forceful speakers in the Dominion. He has two sons serving at the front.

**Col. W. I. Gear**, who it is said will be given command of the Grenadier Guards of Montreal, is vice-president and managing director of the Robert Reford Company of Montreal, president of the Crown Trust Company, vice-president of the Crown Reserve Mining Company, and connected with a number of other financial and industrial corporations. He is also an ex-president of the Montreal Board of Trade. He is, however, best known as a shipping man, the large measure of success which has attended the Robert Reford Company being largely due to the keen business foresight and excellent knowledge of shipping matters possessed by Col. Gear. At the outbreak of war he had no military training, but threw himself wholeheartedly into the Home Guard movement, taking the officers training course, and has qualified for the command of a battalion.

**Capt. J. G. Ross**, one of the wounded officers who returned on the *Missanabie* a few days ago, well deserves a vacation. Capt. Ross went over with the 5th Royal Highlanders of Montreal, in charge of the machine gun section, and in the historic fight at St. Julien went into action in command of 58 men and 11 machine guns. He came out of the three-day fight with but ten men, but it was his machine guns which held the Germans back and saved the situation. A month later Capt. Ross was badly wounded at Festubert, and has been in hospital in England ever since. Capt. Ross comes from Zorra, made famous by the old lady at the time of the Fenian Raid, who declared that the Fenians "might tak' Toronto and might tak' Hamilton, but they'll no tak' Zorra." He was educated at the Woodstock Collegiate Institute and at McGill, where he graduated as a mining engineer in 1903. Between that time and the outbreak of war his work took him into every out-of-the-way mining centre in the world. He was also a well known athlete, and a few months before hostilities commenced he and Capt. Talbot Papineau, of the Princess Patricia's, came second in the two hundred mile canoe race down the Ottawa River. Capt. Ross has two brothers serving at the front.