

SIR OLIVER MOWAT'S REMARKABLE CAREER.

He Will Rank as One of the Great Statesmen of the World.

His Youth, His Entry into Politics and His Long Period of Power in His Province—One of the Confederation Fathers—A Great Organizer and Leader and a Man of Great Strength of Character and Executive Capacity.

Sir Oliver Mowat was born on July 22, 1820, in what is stated to have been a modest cottage on Quarry street, now known as Wellington street, in the town of Kingston.

His father was John Mowat, a native of the parish of Canby, in Calthess-shire, North Britain, a parish situated a few miles south of John O'Connell's House, and consequently one of the most northerly of the parishes on the mainland of Scotland.

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the City of Kingston, in opposition to the Hon. John A. Macdonald, who was defeated by 211 votes.

At the general election in June, 1863, Mr. Mowat was again a candidate for South Ontario, and was again opposed by Mr. William Levington, but was elected by a majority of 276. The Government, however, proved unable to carry on the business of the country.

When Parliament reassembled in May, 1865, it became evident that the new Administration were no more able than their predecessors to carry on satisfactorily the business of the country, owing to the difficulty which was found where it was least expected, however. On the very day of the Ministerial defeat, the Hon. George Brown had prepared the Hon. House the report of the Special Committee to consider the relations of the two provinces and the constitutional changes necessary to put an end to the existing discord.

The "Great Coalition" was accomplished on June 30th, 1864. Messrs. Foley, Meade and Buchanan, retiring from the Ministry, and being succeeded by Messrs. Brown, Mowat and McDougall. Sir Oliver again became Postmaster-General. On returning to their constituencies Messrs. Brown and Mowat were re-elected by acclamation. Then came the great and conclusive union conference at Quebec in the latter part of 1864.

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ANOTHER ACCIDENT TO CHALLENGER SHAMROCK III.

Was Dismantled, a Sailor Drowned and Sir Thomas Lipton Hurt.

Weymouth cable.—Sir Thomas Lipton's new challenger for the America's Cup, Shamrock III, was dismantled in a collision with the harbor preparatory to another trial with Shamrock I. Her mast, as it fell over the side, carried several of the crew, and all the gear and canvas went astern. One man was drowned, and several persons, including Sir Thomas, who was knocked down a hatchway, were hurt.

The man who was drowned was a brother-in-law of Capt. Wingo. He was handling a binocular glass to Sir Thomas at the time he was swept overboard. The yachts were manoeuvring in the Solent, off the coast of Weymouth, and the challenger, which made a magnificent picture, as, under her cloud of canvas, she drove past Nothe Head.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

The Northwest Legislative Assembly opened at Regina. The Toronto Grounders will visit St. Thomas on Victoria Day. The Toronto painters' strike has been settled.

Two thousand carpenters of Montreal have voted to go on strike. Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered Brookville \$15,000 towards a public library.

The young man who committed suicide in High Park has been identified as E. V. Welsh, of Hastings. Recent storms have washed out roads and swept away bridges in Essex.

The Walkerville strike was settled and all except the machinists have returned to work. Mr. Jeremiah Simmons' farmhouse, near Frankford, was destroyed by fire.

A company has been formed to promote English settlement in New Ontario. The Toronto Public School Board was unable to decide upon a system of short-hand.

The postoffice at Arcola, Assn., was robbed of \$2,000 cash and papers worth about \$8,000. The Victorian Order of Nurses met in the Legislative Chamber, Toronto, Lady Minto was present.

The Toronto Board of Control voted about \$12,000 additional for improvements in the Exhibition Park. Rev. Dr. Gordon, Principal of Queen's University, has made an appeal for co-operation between universities.

The Toronto Board of Control has postponed the letting of contracts, suspecting a combine among contractors. Robert Lithgow, who was injured in the runaway at Foxboro', in which Miss Annie Johnston was killed, died of his injuries.

GREAT IRISH CONVENTION.

National Meeting to Discuss the Land Bill.

Dublin, April 20.—The National Convention convened by the United Irish League met to-day in the historic round room of the Mansion House here. About 2,000 delegates assembled in the rotunda, which had come from every part of Ireland to discuss the Irish land bill.

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SIX MEN ARE KILLED

And Several Injured in a Mine Explosion.

Binefield, W. Va., April 20.—Six men are reported to have been killed and several seriously hurt by an explosion at the mines of the Peersless Coal and Coke Company, near Vivian, W. Va. A powder house near the mine caught fire and its contents exploded.

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BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Twenty-one emigrants will sail for Canada this week from Gen. Booth's "Darkest England" colony in Essex. The steamship Minossetta, launched at New London, Conn., is said to be the largest cargo carrier in the world.

General Bonilla, President-elect of Salvador, occupied the capital after a hard campaign. Despatches received in London from Colombia say the ratification of the Colombia-United States Panama Canal treaty is doubtful.

A German ensign is to be court-martialed for killing an artilleryman who had attempted, while under arrest, to shake hands with him. Edgar Coombes, son of the French Premier, has demanded an investigation into a newspaper charge that he attempted to negotiate a corrupt bargain.

The British Court of Chancery has released \$2,700 of trust money on the affidavit of a Canadian immigration official in order to permit of a family emigrating to Canada. The London Chronicle supports Hon. R. W. Scott's proposal for free press messages between Great Britain, Canada and the other colonies. It says it would have good educational results, leading to a better knowledge and understanding of each others' affairs by the various sections of the Empire.

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