

during 1869-70. Then there was also cause for dissatisfaction on the part of the people there, and that is acknowledged now."

One of the speakers had said that the crowning act of his long life was the equipping and sending to South Africa of Strathcona's Horse. Nothing could be more delicate than the manner in which His Lordship alluded to this fact. Without mentioning his own generous deed, he simply said: "We are apt sometimes to look upon the sending of our troops to South Africa as a service done to the Mother Country out of our good will. But was it not equally in our own interest? Was it not equally for Canada, for all the colonies, and for the Mother Country that they had been fighting? What would the Mother Country be without her colonies, and what the position of the colonies without the Mother Country?"

Truly modest and self-deprecating were his concluding words: "If I have been able, as you have been good enough to say, to do some little services for Canada, I do not wish to seem to forget that I have been very fortunate in the country which now for over sixty years has been the country of my adoption. . . . But there is something that I prize much more highly than the records of such slight services as those to which you have been good enough to make reference to-day. Life would be a poor thing at best if it were made up only of material success and material achievements. It is because my good friends here have made me feel that I live also in their regard—in their kind and appreciative and altogether too partial regard for me personally—that now, at the hour of parting, I know I have done well to commit to paper the last words I am to speak to you to-day. It has been said that out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh; but sometimes, as you all know, the heart is too full for words. . . . You have been too kind, and I am too weak in my acknowledgments of your kindness, but you will allow me to say, in taking leave of you, and to say in a single word that this expression of your good-will for me is very precious to me. I find in its strength and comfort and support, and it will always continue in the years that may still lie before me among my most pleasant recollections. I accept this address with diffidence, but it shall ever be treasured by me, and by those that may come after me, and I thank you, one and all, for the kind thoughts of me which you have recorded therein."

And this from a man who has bestowed on educational and charitable institutions in Montreal between one and two million dollars! Is there any other known instance of so munificent a benefactor exhibiting such extraordinary modesty? Not only is it impossible for the sharpest critic to detect in Lord Strathcona's career any the slightest symptom of that self-praise which is so excusable in the maker of a colossal fortune, but he has always been the same, self-effacing, kindly man throughout his whole long life. To this humble gentleness, the exterior token of great tact, prudence and ability, is due his marvellous success.

When he was at the head of a Hudson's Bay post in bleak Labrador, a young clerk, delicately nurtured in England, complained of having to work amid the nauseating odors of seal blubber. Mr. Donald Smith smiled, walked into the blubber room, took off his coat, rolled up his sleeves, and began handling the foul-smelling masses of blubber as if they were nosegays of delicious flowers. Rip-

pling all over with smiles and breathing deep draughts as though he enjoyed the perfume, he exclaimed repeatedly, "How good this smells, it smells money!" The lesson was not lost upon the squeamish youth. Another chief might have snubbed him; this one gently and playfully shamed him into manliness.

Never was Donald Smith known to use strong language. Once, when the election returns in Manitoba appeared unfavorable to him, and one of his faithful followers was cursing the ingrates who had voted against their benefactor, calling them all sorts of choice names, the ever suave candidate walked up and down the room in the swearer's wake, sweetly echoing, "Are they not, Mr. McT., are they not?" He could not repeat the "cuss-words," but he must show his appreciation of his henchman's zeal.

Although Presbyterians are commonly supposed to be, more than any other Protestants, inimical to Catholics, Lord Strathcona is wonderfully free from prejudice against us. A regular contributor to the various needs of the Presbyterian church which he attends in Montreal, he as always steadily refused to subscribe for "French Evangelization," affirming that he had known the French-Canadian priests and people in the west, and that they needed no evangelizing. All Catholics remember how, not long ago, he sent a cheque of five thousand dollars to Judge Curran in aid of the Montreal Catholic High School, and sundry other private benefactions to Catholics are chronicled in grateful hearts.

The charm of Lord Strathcona's manner is indefinable. There is nothing imposing or especially attractive in his appearance; it is all in the manner. If he speaks to a man fifty years his junior, he makes him feel that, young as he may be, he is for the time being the most interesting person on the face of the earth. Then the conversation of this much-travelled and many-sided man, who is such a connoisseur that he did not hesitate to pay \$45,000 for Breton's painting, "La Première Communion," is full of quiet depths of wisdom and charity and kindness. The memory of an hour with him hangs, like a permanent fragrance, round one for many a year.

Were we not right in saying, at the outset of this article, that our grand old Canadian millionaire is unique? Other rich men are admired, lauded, envied; he alone is loved even by those who never got anything out of him. So true is it that our Lord's beatitudes become facts even among those who do not grasp their full meaning. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

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PERSONS AND FACTS.

Rev. Father Lacasse, O. M. I., returned to Qu'Appelle last Friday.

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The Rev. Mr. Chase, at one time a prominent Church of England clergyman, well-known in Plymouth, was ordained Sub-Deacon on Sunday morning in the private chapel, Archbishop's House, Carlisle place, S. W., by his Eminence Cardinal Vaughan. It was only about nine months ago the Rev. Mr. Chase joined the Catholic Church.

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Mr. R. Barry O'Brien is, with the sanction of the family, collecting materials for the Life of Lord Russell of Killowen.

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Leo XIII intends, it is announced, to say Mass at midnight on December 31, and to this service the pilgrims of Rome, the diplomatic agents accredited to the Vatican, the Roman aristocracy, and other notables will have access.

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The estate of Lord Russell of Killowen has been sworn for purposes of probate duty at close upon £150,000. This is a sufficient answer to the rumors that he spent money recklessly.—*Catholic Times*.

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The funeral of Marcus Daly, the Montana copper king, took place on the 15th inst. from St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York. He leaves twenty million dollars.

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The Rev. Dom. Benoit, Superior of the Canons Regular of the Immaculate Conception, from Notre Dame de Lourdes, Manitoba, was here last week.

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Rev. Father Giroux, parish priest of La Broquerie, visited the Archbishop last Wednesday.

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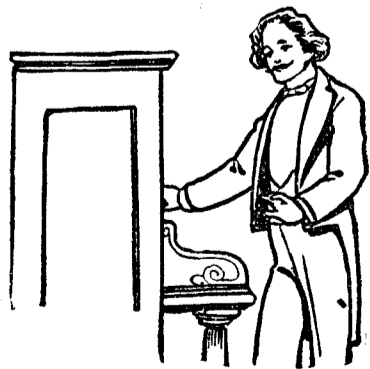
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