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### Lord Selkirk's Colony.

Thomas Douglas, Earl of Selkirk, known in Canadian history as the founder of the Red River Colony, was a member of the ancient Douglas family, renowned in Scottish song and story. At an early age Lord Selkirk displayed that broad humanitarian sympathy which characterized his whole life, and took an active interest in attempting to better the lot of the Highland poor who were suffering great hardships as a result of the Napoleonic wars.

It is worth noting that Lord Selkirk was probably the first man of his age to conceive in outline, and even in some detail, a scheme of national defence that foreshadowed the territorial plan.

This scheme, which he placed before the House of Lords in 1807, provided that every young man between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five years should be thoroughly trained as a soldier. Besides advocating his project in the House of Lords, the young Scottish peer published his ideas on this now important subject, and they stand to-day available as constituting a noteworthy document, the anticipation of a remarkable man who had the misfortune to live before his time.

At length one problem gripped Lord Selkirk's imagination to the extent of all else and the promotion of emigration became the predominant interest of his life. To this cause he devoted his remaining years, his heart, his intellect, and his fortune, and the West can never repay a deeper debt it owes to the man who after having lived as an apostle as a martyr to the cause of western settlement.

It was through reading the "Voyages" of Sir Alexander Mackenzie, that the Scottish dreamer and philanthropist first learned of the vast tracts of fertile country "at the western extremity of Canada upon the waters which fall into Lake Winnipeg." But

Selkirk did more than dream. He was essentially one who made dreams come true, and when in 1802 the Government forbade the establishment of a colony on the Red river, he turned his attention to more accessible parts of Canada. Through his energetic assistance several hundred Scottish crofters, who had been driven from their clearances in the Old Land found new homes in Prince Edward Island and Ontario. But Selkirk never forgot the vision of a great western colony and by 1810 he had evolved a plan, by which that vision was to become a reality. Aided by friends, he acquired control of \$25,000 of stock in the Hudson Bay Company, and in the same year he had laid his plan before the directors. They were to give him a district of about 110,000 square miles, and he in return was to settle a large colony thereon, assuming all the cost of transportation, government and protection.

Needless to say, Selkirk's plan met with strong opposition. But no amount of opposition could quell Lord Selkirk's enthusiasm, and on July, 1811, the first party, consisting of slightly over one hundred men and women set sail for the distant shores of Hudson Bay. There, under the leadership of Captain Miles Macdonell, the "little band" spent their first winter in Canada. In the following summer they reached their destination on the Red river, and the settlement of the west had begun.

Other parties were sent out in 1813 and in 1814, and it soon became clear to the Northwest Company, that they must fight this Scottish philanthropist to a finish. "Lord Selkirk must be driven to abandon his project," for "his success would strike at the very existence of our trade," wrote one partner to another and steps were taken at once to prevent further settlement. More than a hundred of the Selkirk colonists were induced to settle in Ontario, and about a half hundred more were driven to the

northern end of Lake Winnipeg. The colony appeared to be completely broken up, and great was the jubilation of the Northwest Company partners at their headquarters at Fort William.

But Lord Selkirk was not to be defeated thus. He organized another party and placed at its head Robert Semple, a captain in the British army, who was to go out as governor. This company, known as the Kildonan group, had a quick voyage, and arrived on the Red river in the autumn of 1815.

Through the disbanding of the De Meuron regiments at the close of the war of 1812-14, Lord Selkirk was able to secure one hundred of these ex-soldiers as military settlers. Lord Selkirk set out on his journey westward and at the Sault learned of the frightful tragedy at Seven Oaks where Governor Semple and twenty-one colonists had been slain. He hastened on to Fort William and placed the North West leaders under arrest, and sent them under guard to Montreal.

The arrival of Lord Selkirk at Red river with a strong military force encouraged the colonists to return from Lake Winnipeg and his presence revived their hopes for a settlement of their dispute with the Northwest Company. With the courts and legislatures controlled in Lower Canada by the Northwestern and in Upper Canada by the family compact, Lord Selkirk had no chance whatever. He was forced to pay fines amounting to \$2,000, and thoroughly disheartened and discouraged, he sailed for Europe in 1818, a broken-down and worn-out man. He died in the south of France two years later, "unwept, unhonored and unsung"—the pioneer empire-builder who spent himself and his fortune in his efforts to make a great dream come true—W. Everard Edmonds in "Broad Horizons."

Evening frocks often feature sashes which hang below the hem of the dress.

### Speed of the Antelopes.

No one ever knew how fast an antelope could run. "Swifter than an antelope" was one of those comparisons used by poets that had no standing in sound statistical cities. But Roy Chapman Andrews, the well-known student of natural history, found this out after a two years' trip in the Mongolian desert, where he chased antelopes in a motor car that was bouncing over sandy wastes at the rate of sixty miles an hour.

It was the first time, he said, that science ever had been able to apply a speedometer to the speed demons of the desert, which have long been famous as the most fleet-footed creatures that grow.

"They ran so fast that we could not see their legs any more than you can see the blades of an electric fan," says Mr. Andrews. "We found they would leg it at sixty miles and then slow down to forty or fifty. We chased an antelope one day for twenty minutes at an average rate of forty miles an hour, and then quit because he was so dashed surprised that anything on earth could keep up with him. When we reached him he was squatting flat on the sand waiting, not winded a particle."

The antelope's speed is its only protection from wolves in the open plains, so it can run practically from the moment it is born. We found a baby one day that could not have been more than two hours old. When it saw me it snapped off like a shot. I jumped on a horse and pursued. It was a bit wobbly at first, but finally got control of its legs, and I never did overtake it."

### Another Pompeii.

During the war archaeological excavations were continued at the Italian colony of Cyrenaica on the North African coast, and now comes the news that what has been found already promises the uncovering of another ancient city as important as Pompeii. Once upon a time the spot was a Greek colony, with the civilization of Greece transplanted to the soil of Africa. The work has been carried on during the war under the supervision of Prof. Lucio Mariani, director of the archaeological services of the Ministry of the Colonies, and the prediction is now made that the newly discovered city will eventually prove actually richer than Pompeii in its evidences of a past civilization. Here have been already found statues of the Graces, a Hermes, an Eros, an Alexander the Great, and most impressive of all, the Aphrodite of Cyrene, which is said by certain connoisseurs to be a fair rival in beauty to the Venus of Milo and the Venus of Cnidus. The discoveries have extended over many years.

### Rubies From Radium.

The field of radio-activity seems practically limitless. Both X-rays and radium have now been found by a professor to change the colour and add to the lustre of precious stones. While experimenting in his laboratory, the scientist to whom credit for this twentieth-century magic is due, found that a diamond ring near the apparatus glowed with added brilliancy in the darkness of the apartment, and shortly afterwards its colour turned to a brilliant green.

This led to a further test of the gem itself.

The rays from the diamond, when subjected to treatment, were dazzling, and its hue a lovely emerald—in fact, the stone was no longer a diamond but an emerald, and a particularly fine one, too.

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### Australia's Governor-General.

The new Governor-General of Australia, Lord Forster of Lepe, has many and great qualifications for his high post. He is a man of first-class ability and with a wide experience of public affairs. From 1892 until December last he represented Severnside, Kent, in the House of Commons, and for a number of years was Financial Secretary to the War Office. He resigned

this office when raised to the peerage a few months ago. He lost his two sons in the war, and the great bereavement was one reason for his retiring from home politics. Australia is a land of cricket and the new Governor-General's brilliant record in that sport will add to his popularity. In his day at Eton and at Oxford he was one of the best players, and although out of the game now as a player, he still takes a warm interest in it. He is fifty-four years of age.

### A Bid Too Much.

A young man made the acquaintance of a charming girl at a smart seaside boarding-house.

When at last they separated she gave him a very fashionable address. So the next day he was in town he wired to her to meet him for dinner. She turned up, looking smarter than ever, and after dinner they went to a theatre.

A friend of his sat in a box, and the young man waved to him, but got a rather quizzical response.

"What ails Topper?" he thought, and at the end of the act his question was answered.

"Hallo, there!" Topper said, coming up to him in the lobby. "I don't mind your taking out my wife's maid, old man, but I wish to goodness you'd ask her to wear her own frocks!"

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