

### Winnipeg Tribune.

If this knighthood business doesn't stop, the knee-pants brigade will be as numerous in Canada as colonels down in Old Kentucky.

The importation of all these empty titles into Canada is merely foisting upon a democratic people a form of snobbery, wholly and nauseatingly objectionable to level-headed, sane-minded men and women who value manhood and womanhood at true worth, and not by the frilling and attachments having origin in an age when civilization was at a more or less low ebb.

The veteran publisher of The Toronto Telegram has, a Toronto despatch says, refused a knighthood. All honor to him. He is a big Canadian and a man who has done a great work for his city and country. We shall say nothing of the men who have now accepted titles. The acceptance is an evidence that they are subject to flattery. If they have any satisfaction in toying with ribbons, garters, and fitting themselves out in a garb that would tickle the fancy of the chief of the Blackfeet tribe, let them alone. There is sometimes a strong resemblance between old age and childhood. Little things frequently please in both cases.

### Toronto Globe.

Mr. John Ross Robertson, proprietor of The Evening Telegram, and well known for his public benevolences, has declined a knighthood, which, it seemed, was proffered to him among the delayed New Year honors. "There is no reason to give, beyond that I exercised the same right as the others who have accepted, and I declined—I hope graciously and gracefully," remarked Mr. Robertson in reply to a query from the Globe.

On the same day, it seems, Mr. John Ross Robertson declined a senatorship, which the Borden Government offered him, and, in the words of a well-known politician, "it is the first time in the history of Canada that anyone declined a knighthood and a senatorship on the same day."

The first Canadian to decline that

honor was the late Sir J. B. Robinson, in 1838, when both he and Sir Allan Macnab were recommended for knighthood. Sir Allan accepted. Mr. Robinson declined, but was knighted many years later.

### Kenora (Ont.) Miner and News.

It is understood that Sir Robert Borden offered John Ross Robertson, publisher of The Toronto Evening Telegram, a knighthood and a senatorship, but Mr. Robertson gratefully declined both honors.

### Ottawa Citizen.

The peerage was not elevated to Mr. John Ross Robertson, of The Toronto Telegram.

### Belleville Intelligencer.

The Toronto Telegram of the 19th inst. copies thirteen approval paragraphs of John Ross Robertson's declining a knighthood (an unlucky number), all of which are from Liberal newspapers. Not one of these uttered even a whisper against Sir Wilfrid Laurier, when he accepted honors more distinguished than a mere K.C.M.G., though he had previously denounced such honors as "Tin Pot Titles." Such is Liberal party politics.

Though Mr. Robertson, for reasons of his own, declined the honor, he evidently does not disapprove entirely, for the first item under the editorial head of The Telegram appears the following:—

"A Well-Earned Title."—"Title conferred on Sir Edward Kemp was better earned and represents more genuine work in the service of the fathers and mothers of Canada's soldiers than the knighthoods conferred on less deserving public men than Canada's Minister of Militia."

### Sidney (C.B.) Record.

Mr. John Ross Robertson, proprietor of The Toronto Evening Telegram, is an old-line Tory, who has talked frankly to Premier Borden about the sins and follies of his Government. It is now said that he has been offered knighthood and a