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CANADA'S NEW PREMIER

The rise of Robert Laird Borden to the Premiership of Canada after but fifteen years of public life is, perhaps, the most remarkable episode in the political history of Canada. In 1896, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier attained power, Mr. Borden was quite unknown outside the province of Nova Scotia. A comparatively young man of forty-two, he had contested the city of Halifax with success in the same election that brought defeat to his party. Although still in early middle life, he had built up for himself a practice at the bar of Nova Scotia averaging, it is said, \$20,000 a year. When, in the autumn of 1900, Sir Charles Tupper was beaten at the polls for a second time, it became obvious that another leader for the Conservative party must be found. Sir Charles, probably the shrewdest politician who has ever figured in Canadian public life, was himself the first to admit it and selected Mr. Borden as his successor. It took the courage of conviction for the veteran statesman to induce the Conservatives to accept as leader a newcomer from a province in which the party had been hopelessly vanquished, but such was the respect of the rank and file of the party for the views of Sir Charles that he attained his end. From the outset, Mr. Borden has had no bed of roses. While steadily gaining the respect of the country, and especially of the independent voter, he has had to face attacks within his own household from over-ambitious politicians who imagined that they could steer the party over the shoals into the harbor of office more skillfully than he. With tact, forbearance and withal with firmness, he has quelled mutiny and at the same time left no rankling sores. This was shown in the fact that in the recent campaign every follower was up in the firing line. There was no straggler or malcontent. Mr. Borden, born in 1854, is within a year or two of the same age of Laurier when he became premier. He is a most cultured man and speaks French in a conversational though not in an oratorical way. He has also delighted German voters by quoting Schiller and Goethe to them in the original tongue.

To those who have forgotten their Canadian history it may be interesting to read the names of the prime ministers of Canada since confederation. Sir John A. Macdonald served two periods in that capacity. First of all in the six years from 1867 to 1873 and again from 1878 to 1891. Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, whom it is hardly necessary to tell the reader was a Liberal, served from 1873 to 1878. After the death of Sir John A. Macdonald in June, 1891, there was a succession of short-lived Conservative ministries. That of Sir John Abbott lasted from June, 1891, to December, 1892, when he died in office. That of Sir John Thompson lasted exactly two years. He died suddenly after an investiture by the late Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle, in England, on December 12, 1894. His successor, Sir

Mackenzie-Bowell, controlled the destinies of Canada until the end of April, 1896, when, owing to disagreements in the party ranks, Sir Charles Tupper came from England to take his place. The latter's ministry lasted a little less than two months, and he was defeated by Sir Wilfrid Laurier on June 26, 1896. Toronto-Saturday Night.

CO-OPERATION AND EDUCATION

A scholarship at Ruskin College, Oxford, has been established by sixty English co-operative societies, each of which subscribes \$5 to the necessary fund. There were twelve candidates at the first examination recently held, and the scholarship was awarded to Howarth Johnson, of the Oldham Equitable Co-operative society. The examination paper contained the following questions, from which the candidates selected as many as they desired to answer:

1. How do you account for the present epidemic of strikes?
2. What do you consider to be the causes of unemployment and what remedies do you suggest?
3. What is the difference between co-operation and socialism? Which will do most for the working classes, and why?
4. Write an account of the work of your local Board of guardians, and criticise it.
5. Write what you know about any three of the following:
 - (a) The Lords' Veto.
 - (b) A Minimum Wage.
 - (c) Conciliation Boards.
 - (d) The Half-time System.
 - (e) Feed and Speed Methods.
 - (f) Votes for Women.
6. What do you think would be the effects of prohibiting the employment of all young persons until they reach the age of fifteen years?

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The preliminary hearing of the case against George Brown, charged with attempted criminal assault on Mrs. Frank Patterson, formerly Gladys Price, the Riverdale school teacher, and also with the attempted murder of William Adams, Snowflake hotel proprietor, took place on Thursday last at Morden before Police Magistrate Lake. Brown was committed for trial at the assizes on both charges.



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