

Ottawa's Social Leaders

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Canada. Ontario is represented by Mrs. Sproule, the wife of the Speaker of the House of Commons, at whose table (it is of real interest to know) wine never appears, and also by half a dozen of the ministers' wives.

Of these Mrs. Crothers, whose maiden



Mrs. T. S. SPROULE
Wife of the Speaker of the House of Commons

name was Miss Mary Burns, belongs peculiarly to St. Thomas, for there she was born, there as a girl she attended Alma College, and there she has continued to live since her marriage. She takes a special interest in the work of the Daughters of the Empire, and is Regent of a chapter composed of women



Mrs. C. J. DOHERTY
Wife of the Minister of Justice

from all ranks in the community. The home of Mrs. Sam Hughes is at Lindsay. She was Miss Mary Burk, daughter of a Liberal member of Parliament, but is said now to share the political convictions of her husband. She was a student at the Normal School in Toronto, and holds a teacher's certificate, which, how-



Madame PELLETIER
Wife of the Postmaster-General

ever, she has never had occasion to use. Mrs. Foster is another daughter of Ontario, once of Hamilton, but now settled permanently in Ottawa. She is a woman of many interests, having been President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in Ontario, and editor of The Woman's Journal, whilst she is now an active member of various charitable and other organizations. She rarely gives large entertainments, preferring those at which she can see something of her guests. Mrs. Reid also belonged to Hamilton. She has unusual musical ability, and as a girl devoted much time to the study of music, both in Canada and (for five years) at Leipzig; then her health broke down and for months she was forbidden to touch the piano.

Mrs. White, Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Cochrane all now live in Toronto, but Mrs. Kemp belongs by birth to Montreal.

Mrs. Roche and Mrs. Rogers, on the other hand, though daughters of Ontario, have had long connection with the West. Mrs. Roche's husband, the Secretary of State for Canada, is by profession a physician in good practice at Minnedosa, Manitoba. Mrs. Rogers went out to Manitoba when she was only sixteen and counts herself "practically a Westerner." After her marriage she lived for a time at Clearwater, a little village where everyone knows and is known to everyone else. She has lived the busy life that often falls to the lot of a woman on

the prairies, and knows what it is "to do one's own housework," but she found time to keep up her music and painting, and is a keenly interested member of the Western Art Association and of the Women's Musical Club. Her home is now in Winnipeg, in a roomy house with ample lawns, which slope down, at the back, to the Red River. The most youthful representative of Ontario amongst the "Cabinet Ladies" is Miss Perley, the only daughter of Hon. George H. Perley, the Chief Whip of the Conservative party. Miss Perley was born in Ottawa and educated in England and Paris. She is a believer in plenty of outdoor exercise, including riding. Miss Monk, another Cabinet Minister's daughter, who is mistress of her widowed father's household, is on his side partly of English descent, but was born and educated and lives in Montreal, where she has many friends.

The wife of the Minister of Justice, Mrs. C. J. Doherty, is of the English-speaking element in Montreal. She is the daughter of a distinguished barrister, and was educated at the Sacred Heart convent. Having five children, she is a much-occupied woman, but is an active member of several charitable organizations, including the Montreal Women's Protective Immigration society. Owing to ill-health, she has spent little time at Ottawa this season. Madame Landry (the wife of the Speaker of the Senate), Madame Pelletier and Madame Nantel all belong to French-Canadian families. The last mentioned lady has lived for the greater part of her life in the country town of St. Jerome, where both she and her husband were born. Madame Pelletier has lived in the old capital of French Canada since she was a young girl. She is an adept at needlework, and has made many beautiful vestments and cloths for the church.

Mrs. Martin Burrell, though an Englishwoman by birth, may now be regarded as belonging to the province of British Columbia, where her husband is engaged in fruit growing on an extensive scale. In her early days at Grand Forks (when the house of the next door neighbor was three and a half miles away), Mrs. Burrell, despite her love for books and flowers, must have had

some experience of the loneliness which falls so often to the lot of the pioneer woman. Mrs. Longhead, wife of the Conservative leader in the Senate, whose home is at Calgary, is also a Western woman, for she is the daughter of the late William L. Hardisty, Chief Factor of the Hudson's Bay company.

Two ladies still remain to be mentioned, by whom the Maritime Provinces may be proud to be represented. One of these is Mrs. Hazen, who was born and brought up in the little capital of New Brunswick, and removed a few years after her marriage to that busy port, St. John. She is an enthusiastic admirer of the beautiful scenery of her native province. The other lady from the East is, of course, Mrs. R. L. Borden, the wife of the Premier. Mrs. Borden was Miss Laura Bond, of Halifax, and during the eleven years of her husband's leadership of the Conservative party she, like Lady Laurier, has known what it costs to be an "efficient helpmeet" to a political leader. Mr. Borden's accession to power has scarcely added to his wife's toils, for from the first she has accompanied him on his political tours, and since going to live in Ottawa, at least, has entertained practically every notable visitor to the capital, regardless of political affinities. Indeed, now that she has some "sixteen ladies to help" her in these social duties, instead of only two or three as before, she looks for some lightening of her labors. She is a member of many charitable organi-

zations, and confesses to having very little time for "teas" or amusements of any kind. She has found it difficult in Ottawa to keep up her skating, as she had intended, but, though she is extraordinarily busy, she has that fine courtesy and grace of manner that forbids any suggestion of hurry or "rush." Moreover, she is a woman whose interest in life is vivid and intense, and, I fancy, she might deprecate such words as "toils" and "labors" to describe the work, in which, exacting as it is, she is in her very element.

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JUSTIN MCCARTHY
Americans who knew Justin McCarthy, who died at his residence in London last week, regarded him as a man

of rare charm. He was an Irish gentleman, with the strong social bent and vivacity of the Celtic temperament; but he lacked the fighting spirit of many of his compatriots. Thoroughly imbued with the Irish spirit and holding strongly to the Irish point of view, it was as impossible for him to hate the English as it was for the English to hate him. He once said that the Irish were at a great disadvantage in fighting the English because the Irish were weak along the line of political action, while the English were strong, and that they would have succeeded earlier if they had approached the English along the lines of their own temperament instead of with English weapons. Whether he was right or not, Mr. McCarthy was an apostle of the Irish cause who made friends where many of his compatriots made enemies. He was born in Cork eighty-two years ago, and was educated in the private schools of that city. At the age of eighteen he joined the staff of an English newspaper, and seven years later became Parliamentary reporter for the "Morning Star," and its editor in 1864. He first came to this country in 1868, and was successful on the lecture platform. On his return to England he became a leader writer on the "Daily News," and was soon recognized as one of the Liberal leaders of the hour. He entered Parliament in 1879, and remained a member of the House of Commons until 1900, when he retired on account of ill health. During his entire Parliamentary career he was an ardent advocate of Home Rule, and in 1890 he succeeded Mr. Parnell as chairman of the party. He was a prolific and pleasant writer. His novels never produced any marked

impression, though "Donna Quixote" attained some popularity. His "History of Our Own Times," however, was widely read. He began a "History of the Four Georges and William IV," which was completed by his son, Justin Huntly McCarthy, the author of "If I Were King." He wrote biographies of Sir Robert Peel, Leo XIII, and Mr. Gladstone (the latter appeared in the Outlook in serial form), and published books on "Modern England" and "The Reign of



Madame LANDRY
Wife of the Speaker of the Senate

Queen Anne," and two volumes of reminiscences. During the latter part of his life he was nearly blind, and was very tenderly cared for by his daughter, who is as interesting as her father. London gave the American few greater pleasures than a talk with Mr. McCarthy.—The Outlook (N.Y.).



Miss ETHEL PERLEY
Daughter of the Hon. G. H. Perley
(without portfolio)

The canny Scot wandered into the pharmacy.

"I'm wanting threepenn'orth o' laudanum," he announced.

"What for?" asked the chemist suspiciously.

"For twopence," responded the Scot at once.



Mrs. A. E. KEMP
Wife of Hon. A. E. Kemp, Minister without Portfolio