

An Honored and Distinguished Canadian

SIR DONALD A. SMITH, K.C.M.G. Canadian High Commissioner in London.

In this biographical sketch we propose to speak of an honored and worthy individual who may be rightly regarded as one of Canada's most philanthropic and deservedly respected public men.

On his first coming to Canada, and for long years afterwards, Sir Donald Smith was connected with the Hudson Bay Company.

But this is only one prominent instance of Sir Donald's generosity and goodness of heart; hundreds of other charities and deserving institutions have been relieved and benefited by his princely gifts.

In this impulse that prompts the bestowal of super-abundant riches upon struggling organizations and charities, there is a combination of wisdom and well meant liberality, for while the bountiful giver in these cases has been endowed with the capacity to build up a great fortune, he has the enlightenment of mind to see the claims of his less fortunate fellow creatures, and the noble desire to help them by distribution of his abundance.

It is easy to imagine that a man of Sir Donald Smith's wealth, prominence and experienced judgment would be eagerly sought after whenever a new enterprise needed moral or material help.

By fair minded men on both sides of the house. He went down with the other commissioners appointed by Sir Charles Tupper's government, to effect a settlement with Premier Greenway, and if they did not succeed it was not for want of reason, conciliation and justice on his part.

On the recall of Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., to lead the Conservative forces in Canada, Sir Donald A. Smith was appointed to succeed him in the High Commissioner's office in England, and that honorable appointment he still holds, despite the defeat of his party on the 22nd of June last, and the assumption of power by Hon. Wilfrid Laurier's New Government.

As an example of his kindness of heart and utter freedom from any taint of bigotry, we mention his courtesy to the Papal Delegate, Mgr. Merry del Val. Sir Donald's house in Ottawa has been placed at the Delegate's disposal during his sojourn in Canada.

Branch No. 18 of the C. M. B. A. at its regular meeting held, Wednesday evening April 14th, extended a resolution of condolence to Bro. John Lyons, on the death of his son.

Beginning this week a three days mission will be given to the men belonging to the different Catholic societies of this city by a visiting priest.

Henry Ward Beecher once informed a man who came to him complaining of gloomy and despondent feelings, that what he most needed was a good cathartic, meaning, of course, such a medicine as Ayer's Cathartic Pills, every dose being effective.

Stratford Items.

All public and high schools as well as separate schools, rural as well as town schools, have over a week's holidays in the Easter season.

D. G. Baxter, architect, is preparing plans for a fire block, to fill the gap caused by the burning of the National Hotel in St. Marya.

The accounts for the administration of criminal justice in the County of Perth, for the quarter ending March 31st have just been audited.

Mr. William McGrath, one of the oldest employees of the Grand Trunk shops here, died at his residence, 10 Dundas street, on Saturday April 10.

A LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson, Cameron states: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs, and was given up by the physicians."

Receipts of grain on the street to-day were very light. Only 300 bushels of oats were sold at 24 to 25c.

LATEST MARKETS.

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