#### An Honored and Distinguished Canadian

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

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In this biographical sketch we propose to speak of an honored and worthy individual who may be rightly regarded as one of Oanada's most philanthropic and deservedly respected public men. Although Sir Donald A. Smith was born and educated in Scotland, he is so closely interwoven with the history and progress of Canada that we may regard him. to all intents and purposes, as a Canadian pure and simple. For here he has spent the best years of his active commercial and political life, and here too he has amassed his great wealth, and in doing so he has demonstrated to the rising generation how honorable position may be attained and competence secured by the right exercise of the human faculties and by strict adherence to the sacred principles of honesty, bonor and fait dealing in all our relations with our follow-men.

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On his first coming to Causda, and for long years afterwards, Sir Donald Smith was connected with the Hudson Bay Company,—we think he is gover nor of the Company now,—and from that immediate interest grow his early association with the new province of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. His abode, for many years, was at Silver Heights. Winnipeg, and as his strong, shrewd and solid personality developed greater strength and influence his name and fame penetrated into the remotest parts of the Dominion, and after he had served the above-named communities in every conceivable capacity that sould be serviceable to his fellows, he elected to give up many of the minor functions to take his seat in the Federal Parliament at Ottawa, and finally he took up his residence in Montreal. And that great metroplis has been an immense gainer by his presence in it, for out of the generosity of his heart, and his abundant wealth he donated five hundred thousand dollars towards the founding of an hospital, and Lord Mountstephen gave an equal sum for the same purpose. So that Montreal now possesses a house of refuge for the needy and afflicted, equal to any of like purpose on the continent.

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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 apon struggling organizations and charities, there is a combination of wisdon and well meant liberality, for while the bountful giver in these cases has been endowed with the capacity to build up a gre-t 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 a distribution of his abundance. He also testifies to his wisdom by his clear recognition of the fact that money of itself can bring no happiness to its possessor. One of America's greates multi-millonaires has recently solemnly declared, in New York, that "the poorest man is he who has nothing but money"

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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. He has been long connected with all the principal projects that have gone to make the Dominion what it is to-day, a growing, progressive and aspiring nation with prospects and possibilities that are in the first degree encouraging. No matter whether you take up the list of those able men who push on the great railways or manage monied institutions like the Bank of Hontreal, you will find the name of Sir Donald A. Smith actively in association with every kind of upbuilding and progressive enterprise. I could give detailed account of all the offices he holds, or has held, through the long stretch of his carcer, but that would absorb all my alloted space. If we turn to his parliamentary carcer we find a splendize ecord placed to his oredit. In political faith he is a Conservative, but, being a broad-minded man of calm judgment and keen perception, and of independent means and character withal, he is apt to value party or partisan strife at its intrinsic worth, and is far more likely to gather into his mind the elements of whatever appears good to him from both political parties, and once he is convinced that measures or men are worthy his counterpance and respect appeare good to him from both political parties, and once he is convinced that measures or men are worthy his countenance and respect will be given to them. Anyone who listened to his plain, earnest and forceful speech in parliament, on the Manitoba school question, about this time last year, could not help admiring the deep carnestness, fairness and sincerity of the man. In that well reasoned and sensible utterancy you could detect no party bias or feelingst all. It was a close argument in favor of peace and remedial justice to the suffering minority in Manitoba. Having been so long a recident there and having such deep interest in the place he knew all the cuts and ins of the school difficulty, and when he spoke words of truth, reason and justice touching the matter, he was applieded.

by fair minded men on both sides of the house. He went down with the ulter commissioners appointed by Sir Chartes Tupper's government, to effect e 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 Commissionership in England, and that honorable appointment he still holds, despite the defeat of his party on the 2nd of June last, and the saumption of power by Hon. Wilfrid Laurier's New Covernment. Doubtless the present far seeing and broad minded head of the administration considers himself fortunate in having Canada's commercial and political interests represented in England by a man of Sir Donald Smith's calibre, influence and experience. The respected kincht is at present on a visit to Canada, partly attending to official duties and partly taking pleasure in meeting old friends to greet him in every part of the land.

As an example of his kindliness of heart and utter freedom from any taint of bigotry, may be mentioned his contresty to the Papal Delegate, Mgr. Merry del Vall. Sin Onald's house in Ottawa has been placed at the Delegate of disposal during his sojourn in Canada. And the other week when he met the Archbishops of the Dominion in conference in Montreal, the High Commissioner entertainment the Delegate and venerable Archbishops at dinner, and which entertainment the Delegate and venerable and apparators he have been placed at the broad and humans lessons of tolerance which keep an open place and the proper of the Dominion in conference in Montreal, the High Commissioner entertainment the Delegate and venerable and serving. A man of his entermost heart for whatever is truly meritorious and desire of reac or creed diversities. It his fair-mindedness he evinces a desire of treat humanity according to its deserts. In his wide and varied experience of the world he has learned to

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(FAME OF OWN COMMENCENT)

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. The schools closed on Thursday afternoon last the 15th, and re-open on Monday morning 26th.

D. G. Baxter, architect, is prepar-ing plans for a fine block, to fill the gap caused by the burning of the National Hotel in St. Marys. It is to be built in such a way as to be used for four stores or for one large departmental store.

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The accounts for the administration of criminal justice in the County of Certh, for the quarter ending March 31st have just been audited. The amount upon which the government proportion is paid is \$1,051 62. In addition there are some bills which are payable by the county entirely, the most important being \$33 64 for the service of jury summonses, and \$9.50 for the examination of lunaties. The total amount of the sheriff scharges for the quarter is \$355.88 of which Mr. Idington gets \$171.64 for his services as County Crown Autorney and Clerk of the Peace. The holding of inquests cost the county \$35 65.

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Mr. William McGrath, one of the oldest employees of the Grand Trunk shops here, died at his residence Louise street on Saturday April 10 Deceased had been troubled with paralysis and unable to work for about a year and for the past few weeks had been very ill until death came as a relief to his suffering. Mr. McGrath was born in Tippera. Veoland, and came to Canada about thirty years ago first settling in Brautford and from there going to Dunnville, and working there in the Grand Trunk shops until they were burnt—28 years ago—then

first settling in Brantford and from there going to Dunnville, and working there in the Grand Trunk shops until they were burnt—23 years ago—then coming to Stratford, working in the employ of the Grand Trunk Co. until unable to work. Mr. McGraw, was a quiet, industrious workman and a devout member of 61, Joseph's Roman Catholic Chursin of this city. He leaves a wife and a family of seven girls to mourn his loss. R. I. P.

Branch No. 13 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. A resolution of condolence was also extended to the widow of Mr. J. Cowan, of Forest, who was killed at the G. T. R. station here, on the 15th inst. by the morning Express. Mr. Cowan, was stepping on the coach of the train while in motion when his foot slipped throwing him under the wase instantaneous. Mr. Cowan, it was learned was a member of the Branchigof the C. M. B. A. of Petrolia, and as soon as it was known that this was instantaneous. Mr. Cowan, it was learned was a member of the Branchigof the C. M. B. A. of Petrolia, and as soon as it was known that this was the case, Branch No. 19, here took charge of his remains until they were ready for shipment to his bereaved widow. Mr. Cowan was on his way to Toronto, and was only a member of the C. M. B. A. for about two months.

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

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A Life Saved.—Mr. James Bryson, Cameron. states: "I was conflued to my bed with Inflammation of the lungs, and was given up by the physiciaus. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas." Echecrate Ott., stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on his advice, I procured the medicine, and less than a half bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me any good."

#### LATEST MARKETS.

TOBONTO, April 21, 1897.

Receipts of grain on the street to-day were very limited, only 300 bushus of oats selling at 24 to 250. No wheat was offered, but local buyers will pay higher prices, in sympathy with the Chnego market.

If any and Straw—Supply fairly large; prices steady, 15 loads of lay selling at 21 to \$14, and \$10 loads of straw at \$5 to \$7.

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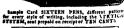
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