

## Newfoundland's High Commissioner.

### Newfoundland Club's Tribute to Sir Edgar Bowring on His Retirement.

Warm tributes to the personality and services of the Hon. Sir Edgar Bowring were paid, on the occasion of his retirement from the position of High Commissioner for Newfoundland, at a largely attended dinner given in his honor by the Newfoundland Club at the Hotel Victoria, London, recently. The chair was occupied by Lord Morris, a former Prime Minister of the Dominion.

Grace was said by the Right Rev. T. Remouf of St. George's, Newfoundland. Apologies for absence were intimated by Captain Victor Gordon, the acting High Commissioner for Newfoundland, who is secretary of the club, from the High Commissioners for Canada and India, and also from Mr. William Goode. In his letter, Mr. Markin said that personally he could not conceive of any Dominion having, at the heart of the Empire, a representative who could more worthily fill the position or be more acceptable to his colleagues, the other High Commissioners. In his association with Sir Edgar, he had always been impressed not only with his agreeable qualities but with his grasp of the affairs which concerned them all, and therefore his capacity for giving service. He had not only been useful to his own country, but of service to them all.

Lord Morris, in proposing the toast of Sir Edgar Bowring, said although Newfoundland was the oldest of the Dominions of the Empire, strange to say, she was the last to establish a High Commissioner's office in London. "That," remarked Lord Morris, amid laughter, "may be a reflection on the politicians, because it is not usual to find the responsibilities of such a good office as that hanging round without any development. I mention that aspect of it merely for the purpose of paying a compliment to my predecessors in office." Previously the work was done principally through agencies in this country and through the various British Government offices; while, if there was anything of very great importance to be done, delegates were sent over, usually the Prime Minister. After the war, however, it became evident that the interests of the Dominion there should be a resident High Commissioner in London. Sir Edgar Bowring, who had been long connected with the work of the Dominion, and had taken a very large share in the public life of Newfoundland, having been a member of its Legislative Council for something like 30 years, was induced to accept the appointment, but only on the understanding that it was to be on the same terms as his membership of the Dominions' Royal Commission, with which he travelled all over the world—namely, that he should receive neither salary nor expenses. That gathering was another proof of how he had succeeded. It would not be inappropriate to say that during the four years Sir Edgar had held office he had been ably supported by Captain Victor Gordon. He thought everyone who had come in contact with the latter and had an opportunity of testing his worth, would agree that he had maintained the high ideals set by Sir Edgar Bowring.

**Newfoundland's Future.**  
As to the future, Lord Morris said he believed that, as the United States and Canada had filled up in the past, the day might not be far distant when Newfoundland would begin to fill up, and the new High Commissioner, as the years went on, would have opportunities of bringing to the notice of the investor the advantages of Newfoundland. There were great possibilities for the development of its mines, their fisheries, and their agriculture, and now that the spirit of developing the Empire was abroad it was for the future High Commissioner and the Government of Newfoundland to see if they could provide any special inducements to emigrants from this country to go and settle in Newfoundland and to develop Imperial trade.

Lord Morris concluded by expressing, on behalf of the Club and their guests, their hearty appreciation of Sir Edgar Bowring and the work that he had done for Newfoundland, and the manner in which he had done it. They hoped he would be spared for many years to enjoy his *otium cum dignitate*, and that, although he would be officially disconnected, he would, as a Newfoundland, help the country in every possible way and on every possible occasion.

Sir James Allen, High Commissioner for New Zealand, speaking as a colleague of Sir Edgar Bowring, said he was always ready to help and his advice was always good. He could not help thinking what a debt of gratitude the Empire owed to men of the type of Sir Edgar Bowring, who had spent a great part of their lives as business men and had succeeded in their business, but at the same time had not forgotten that there was something to render to the State and to the Empire. As a member of the Dominions' Royal Commission, Sir James also testified to the good work that Sir Edgar had done on that body. He had always felt that he was not only a representative of Newfoundland, he was an Empire man. Addressing Sir Edgar, he said he had learned to know him and to value him, and would like to express the regret that all the High Commissioners must feel at the fact that he was no longer to be associated with them.

#### British Fair Play.

Sir Edgar Bowring, in acknowledging the toast, said that during the four years he had occupied the High Commissioner's office he had tried to bring Newfoundland before the British public in a way that had not been done before, and to present the island as being a place where people could live happily, where money could be made, and where there were prospects of great development when it was better known. His life, he remarked, had really been a business one, and official life was rather foreign to his nature. At the same time, he was very agreeably surprised, when he came to London, to find such a hearty welcome from all classes of the community. The High Commissioners and the Agents-General received him particularly warmly, although he was representing but a very tiny part of the British Empire; while all the authorities in London had accorded to Newfoundland the same consideration as had been accorded to the representatives of the large Dominions. That showed the wonderful spirit of British fair play—indeed, more than that was what Newfoundland had had during the time that he had been High Commissioner. He had found these four years most enjoyable and interesting, but they were four years out of his life at a time when he might have been doing other things. He still had business interests in various parts of the world; and, while he was extremely sorry to resign the position, still there were other things to be thought of. The fact that the winter climate in London did not really suit him was another reason for his decision. He was extremely sorry to leave, and especially to do so at the present time, because Newfoundland was just now, he regretted to say, not doing so well as formerly. Newfoundland was "under the shadow" going through a very serious time; but he was hopeful, in spite of that, knowing her recuperative powers, that in a few years they would find her back again where she was a few years ago—back again to the time before the war when all was peace and plenty over there. It was not that the fisheries of Newfoundland had been played out, because there seemed to be about the same amount of fish landed year by year, but the market price had dropped to about a third of what it was before the war, while the cost was more than what it was. He thought, however, that that was only a temporary trouble, and he was hopeful that, when Newfoundland was brought further before the public notice, prosperity would come to them—more perhaps from the minerals and timber products than from the fisheries and agriculture. There was unquestionably a very large mineralized belt running right across the country from Green Bay to West St. George, and he was sure there were not only immense quantities of copper and iron, but also gold, lead, and other products. He hoped that before long it would be brought to the attention of prospectors, and he thought that Newfoundland in that way would be one of the richest countries in the world.

#### The Acting High Commissioner.

In concluding, Sir Edgar Bowring said he believed the Newfoundland Club had come to stay. He also took the opportunity of endorsing what Lord Morris had said with regard to Captain Victor Gordon. It was one of the luckiest days in his life when the latter called at the office in Victoria Street, and applied for the position of chief secretary. Since then they had worked hand in hand, and had never had an angry word. He had the highest admiration for Captain Gordon, and he wished really and truly that the Newfoundland Government could see their way to continue him in the High Commissioner's office—a declaration which was greeted with loud cheers. "No one could be better, I know," added Sir Edgar, "and I really hope that the Newfoundland Government will be wise enough to hold on to a man when they have got him. I have let them know my views on the subject, and, if political exigencies will only permit of it, Victor Gordon is there to stay."

Mr. E. R. Morris proposed the health of the chairman, speaking in particular of the good work which Lord and Lady Morris had done in visiting the wounded of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment during the war.

Lord Morris, in replying, referred to the fact that a General Election was taking place in Newfoundland that day, and gave some entertaining reminiscences of some of his election experiences there.

Captain Gordon added a personal tribute to Sir Edgar Bowring, speaking of the affection and respect in which he was held by all who were associated with him, and especially to the unassuming, modest way in which he rendered service, and the absence of self-interest from his generosity. Newfoundland owed a great debt to Sir Edgar, who stood for all that was best in the social and commercial life of the country. Captain Gordon added that he only wished that Sir Edgar was remaining in his position, especially in view of the question of the participation of Newfoundland in the British Empire Exhibition.

Sir Travers Clarke, vice-chairman of the exhibition, joined in expressing the hope that it would be possible to arrange for this participation.

#### Those Present.

Those present, in addition to the speakers, included:—S. M. Andrews, G. A. Arnsdian, J. de B. Arnaud, R. J. Arnot, Hon. A. H. Ashbolt, G. W. Badgerow, A. K. Ball James Ballantine, R. L. Barclay, Sir Edward Barry, C. Beatty, T. W. Bendall, B. M. Benson, Sir Thomas Berridge, Hugh T. B. Blair, A. Boyd-Carpenter, M.P., A. S. Bremner, G. R. Burt, J. H. S. Butt, Chas. Cambie, Capt. J. Hugh Campbell, W. Mainwaring Clapp, H. M. Clarke, Sir John A. Cockburn, Hon. Sir T. A. Coghlan, Hon. Sir James D. Connolly, June 21st.

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There passed away on the first day of June, at St. Augustine's Convent, Trepassay, Sr. M. Gertrude Duane. The deceased lady, at the early age of seventeen, bade farewell to her home and friends in Ireland, the land of saints and scholars, came to Newfoundland and entered the Presentation Convent, Cathedral Square. While yet a novice she went, with other young sisters, to form a branch of the order at Trepassay in the time of the late Rev. Thomas Hennebury. Here she professed her vows and lived her quiet, gentle life. Perhaps no great deeds are recorded in the life of Sr. Gertrude. She was of an humble, retiring disposition, but her unwearied patience, her labours, both in the school and choir, of which latter she had charge, her zeal as instructress to keep untainted from the world the souls of the little ones under her care, mark her as the true spouse of Christ. Her deeds shall shine in the realms of the blest with a brilliancy that shall never fade, where those who instruct others unto justice shall "shine like stars for all eternity." The youth and maidens who under her guidance have sung the praises of their God at the Mass and Benediction shall always have a tender love for Sr. Gertrude's memory, and many a tear shall fall as they kneel in prayer at her humble grave in the shadow of St. Augustine's.

Right Hon. Sir Joseph Cook, B. H. Cunningham Craig, H. J. Crowe, T. Cusens, Sir Howard D'Esyville, Mr. Under-Sheriff H. Deighton, Dr. J. C. Drummond, A. Radcliffe Dugmore, R. J. Elliot, N. J. E., and J. H. Evans-Jackson, T. Pelden, Hon. J. A. Fihel, Cyril L. Ford, Capt. J. E. J. Fox, R. S. Fulton, R. G. Gled, H. R. Gooderham, Rev. Henry Gordon, Sir Gilbert Grindle, Sir H. Rider Haggard, C. Lionel Hanington, T. V. Hartnett, Cecil Hawes, W. Hay, H. Hemming, Vere Herbert-Smith, H. F. Hoole, John Howard, Percy Hurd, M. P., W. M. Hussey-Walsh, W. Hutchings, Dennis Keegan, W. Kerr, E. C. Laney, Walter Lefroy, Sir R. R. Linthorne, Hon. Sir Edward Lucas, J. A. MacDonald, E. G. MacLeod, W. McGinness, James McNeill, Hon. John McWhae, J. J. Moore, Sir Newton J. Moore, J. L. Murphy, Robert L. Newman, W. C. Noxon, A. L. Nunn, Lucien Pacar, J. A. Paddon, Stephen Pardoe, R. H. Parkinson, W. Pigott, W. Rolfe, E. C. Smith, D. Spencer, H. B. Stokes, Sir Campbell Stuart, E. A. Sursham, Hon. P. Templeman, E. Templeman, A. C. M. Thom-Postlethwaite, H. B. Thomson, H. A. Timewell, A. B. Tucker, F. C. Wade, James Walker, H. Walker, Sir Lawrence Wallace, Sir Fabian Ware, H. A. Whelan, T. E. Whelan, C. W. Whitaker, A. W. Whitley, H. Wyatt, Dr. S. S. Zilva.—(Canada.)

### Sunday at S. A. Citadel.

The evening service at the S. A. Citadel, New Gower Street, was conducted by Commandant H. A. Hurd, assisted by Adj. French and a number of other officers. There was a good congregation present and a hearty welcome was accorded the Commandant, who is spending his first Sunday here for several months. After reading the first Scripture lesson the Commandant gave a very interesting talk on his recent trip to Bermuda, describing very graphically the country. He referred particularly to the conditions prevailing in that section, stating that the Army makes no distinction between white and coloured persons, and for this reason they have obtained a great hold upon the affection of the coloured population of these islands. He spoke of the generosity of these coloured people who, although very poor, yet give so regularly and systematically that their contributions reach a considerable amount in the aggregate. He stated that the dark spot upon the life of the Bermudians is the very low moral tone among certain sections of the people, as a result of which there are a great many uncared for children of tender years who are rapidly becoming criminals, because the Government has no institution of any kind to deal with this class. He was glad that in this case, as in many others, the Army was able to tackle the problem, and a movement is now on foot for the erection of a reformatory to be under the supervision of the Salvation Army officers. The scheme has been suggested by His Excellency the Governor of Bermuda and is backed by the most influential men of all the denominations and a selection by the Senators, the Commandant preached a very eloquent sermon from Genesis 3.8, which was followed with close attention by the large congregation present.

### Wedding Bells.

#### TILLEY-HAGERTY.

On Thursday night, 5th inst., at the R.C. Cathedral there was solemnized a very pretty wedding, the contracting parties being Miss Kitty Tilley, daughter of Mr. Joseph Hagerty of this city, to Mr. William Hagerty of Trepassay. The bride, who was attired in a tulle and georgette costume with hat to match, was assisted by Mrs. Jas. Tilley, wife of the bride's brother, while the groom was ably supported by Mr. David Hipditch. The bride's flower girl was Miss Violet Butt. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Magr. MacDermott. After the tying of the nuptial knot the party with their friends and admirers proceeded to the home of the bride's father, where they partook of a sumptuous repast, after which they motored around Bowring Park. The presents received by both bride and groom were numerous, testifying to the esteem in which both were held.

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