

Mentioned in Despatches

MR. F. G. DONALDSON, who has been made general manager of the Montreal Trust Company, joined that institution in 1916 as assistant general manager. He had, however, considerable experience in trust company affairs prior to that, as he had been for some fourteen years with the Royal Trust Company. Mr. Donaldson began his business career in a stock broker's office, and later was associated with the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company. He is one of the most approachable and popular men on the local "street."

COLONEL ROOSEVELT makes no attempt to hide his service button but wears it proudly. The emblem carries five service stars, four sons and a son-in-law being "somewhere in France." And the Colonel swells with pride when he speaks of Archie Roosevelt's promotion to a captaincy.

"He was in a raid," the colonel tells his friends, speaking of Archie's experiences on the battlefield, "and was struck by a bit of shell, but his helmet saved him."

Colonel Roosevelt himself is in vibrant health. In which respect, as in his political ideas, he does not change.

THOS. A. BRADSHAW, who has become a sort of financial advisor and assistant to Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, is Toronto's City Treasurer. Prior to that he was a member of the stock brokerage firm of A. E. Ames and Company, and at a still earlier date was managing director of the Imperial Life Assurance Company. Mr. Bradshaw is an Englishman by birth and before coming to Canada had a thorough and lengthy training both in financial and insurance affairs. He is rightly regarded as one of the ablest financiers in Canada. Outside of his keen interest in financial and economic matters Mr. Bradshaw is actively associated with Y. M. C. A., church, and other philanthropic movements.

CONTROLLER THOMAS COTE, whose death occurred a few days ago was born at St. Francois de Trois Pistoles, in 1869, and was educated at Laval. As a young man he entered journalism in which he made a marked success, serving on various papers in Quebec, Windsor, Ont., in Montreal and Worcester, Mass. In this city he was editorial writer of La Patrie and later city editor and editor-in-chief of La Presse. Later his marked abilities as an organizer were utilized by the Government who appointed him special census commissioner and still later secretary of the International Waterways Commission. He was also offered the post of Deputy Minister of Public Works. Mr. Cote also served as one of the commissioners at the Brussels Exhibition. He was elected member of the Board of Control in 1915 retaining this post until the last although suffering from ill-health for the past year.

MAJOR HUGH NIVEN, of the Princess Pats, who was in Montreal last week, was one of the original members of that famous battalion. Niven enlisted as a private from Calgary, went through all the hard fighting in which the Pats took part, was wounded on two occasions, and was also on two occasions placed temporarily in command of the battalion. At one time he and the late Major Papineau were the only officers left after a battle and on another occasion he was one of four officers remaining alive. Niven apparently would rather face a German machine gun battery than make a speech, but he is every inch a hero. Major Niven is a son of Dr. Niven, a well known medical practitioner in London, Ont. The Major returns to the front next week.

JAMES H. THOMAS, M.P.—Owing to the large part played by labor in the war and especially since Premier Lloyd George consulted the labor party before making his pronouncement on peace proposals the attitude of labor leaders is of the utmost importance. James H. Thomas, M.P. for Derby, is probably the foremost labor man in Great Britain outside of their Cabinet representative. He is organizing secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants and as such holds a most influential position in the labor world in Great Britain. He began work as an errand boy when nine years of age, later becoming an engine cleaner, fireman, and then an engine driver on the Great Western Railway. Thomas was elected to Parliament in 1910. Throughout the war he has been a most consistent supporter of the Allied cause.

MR. CLARENCE A. BOGERT, general manager of the Dominion Bank, has been elected president of the Toronto Board of Trade, thus indicating a growing spirit of co-operation between the financial and commercial branches of the country. Mr. Bogert is a native of Napanee, is fifty-three years of age and has been general manager of the Dominion Bank for upwards of a dozen years. He joined that institution as a lad of seventeen, and twenty-five years later was general manager, a record probably unequalled in the Dominion. Outside of his banking activities his chief interest in life centres in music.

BRIG.-GEN. H. J. ELLES is the man who "put one over" on the Germans in the recent tank attack at Cambrai. Gen. Elles was commander of the battery, convoy, or fleet of tanks, or however they describe a collection of these land monsters, and as he started into action he sent to his subordinates the following message, "The tank corps expects every man to do his damndest." Elles is a clean cut, handsome, dashing British officer, resembling the ideal cavalry type rather than a man who would climb inside a land dreadnaught and go rumbling over the ground to the Hun trenches. He is there with the goods, however.

JULIUS KRUTTSCHNITT, president of the American Railway Association and chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Pacific Railway, is a big factor in the railroad world south of the Line. Kruttschnitt was born in Louisiana, educated as a civil engineer, but commenced his railway career at the very bottom rank. For nearly a third of a century he has been associated with the Southern Pacific working his way up to the head. As the Southern Pacific is one of the largest systems in the neighboring republic, Kruttschnitt naturally occupies a large place, but in addition to that he possesses a more than ordinary grasp of the whole railroad situation.

CAPTAIN FINN, of Prince Albert, who has been appointed a representative of the Great War Veterans Association to the Soldiers Settlement Board, is himself a veteran of the Great War. Finn is the stuff of which heroes are made. When the war broke out he tried several times to enlist as a private, but was ruled out because he was over the age limit. He, however, was not going to let a little thing like that stand in his way of getting overseas, so he became a stowaway on the troop train which carried his fellow townsmen to Valcartier. En route he was fed and looked after by his friends. On arriving at Valcartier the officers recognized the grit of the man and allowed him to go overseas as a private. He later won promotion and returned wounded with the rank of captain.

QUEBEC CITY claims to hold the long distance championship in the British Empire in so far as the production of generals is concerned. The city claims to be the birthplace of ten real live generals, of whom Generals Watson, Burstall, Dobell, Swift, Landry and Panet are at the front; Turner in England; Joly de Lotbiniere in India; and Lessard in Canada. Of these Watson, Turner and Lessard are the best known. Watson was formerly editor of the Quebec Chronicle, went overseas with the first contingent and won promotion and was recently knighted. Turner, another of the better known men, won the V.C. in South Africa and has been promoted and knighted in the present conflict. He is a son of the late Hon. Richard Turner. Major-Gen. Lessard served in the South African War but has been in Canada during the greater part of this war.

OWES MUCH TO BRITAIN.

(New York Commercial.)

Some French-Canadian politicians and newspapers are calling for a boycott of goods made West of the Ottawa River. They might as well talk of refusing to let the waters of the Great Lakes flow down the St. Lawrence to the sea. Quebec owes more to the British Empire than any other part of the King's Overseas Dominions and France deserves something at her hands in this crisis.

"PRAISE FAMOUS MEN."

In December last at the Albert Hall, London, a vast assembly honored the Mons and Marne heroes. A London Journal gives the following explanation of a passage cited by one of the speakers which created a profound impression:

"Ecclesiasticus,' or 'The Wisdom of Jesus the Son of Sirach,' from which Mr. Balfour, at the Albert Hall Mons and Marne men's celebration on Saturday, read the famous 'Let us now praise famous men' passage, is probably of late second century B.C. origin. The passage is the prologue to a roll of heroes. The prologue runs from the verses 1 to 15 of chapter xlv. We quote the latter part:—

And some there be which have no memorial;
who are perished as though they had never been;
and are become as though they had never been
born; and their children after them.

But these are mortified men, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten.

With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance, and their children are within the covenant.

Their seed standeth fast, and their children for their sakes.

Their seed shall remain for ever, and their glory shall not be blotted out.

Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore.

The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will show forth their praise.

In the collective sense in which: "Let us now praise famous men" was used, how suggestive it is! Not alone of a few outstanding leaders but of all who took part in two memorable events of this colossal war, which heartened and changed the outlook in a welcome turn of the tide as of other heroes, known to fame, it can well be said: "When shall their glory fade?"

OUT OF THE TRENCHES.

(This poem was found by a Canadian, Lieut. W. G. Baxter, of the 18th Battalion, stationed in Flanders, while censoring the mails. Author unknown.)

The mud's knee deep in the trenches an' me bones
is raked wi' the cold,

An' I warms me 'ands at the charcoal tin 'fore ever
I takes a 'old

Of me snub-nosed service rifle; 'ow the foresight
shines,

An' sends a message of love and peace into the Ger-
man lines!

Ping! that's a Merry Christmas

Ping! that's the same to you.

O, for the sight o' the mistletoe bough, an' a good
mince pie or two.

Jimmy, 'e's got me girl on his knee, an' Billy, 'e
swigs me beer,

But I'm havin' a 'ell o' a time pottin' the Germans
'ere.

I'm froze right through to the marrow an' me coat's
been wet for a week.

For you ain't got time for a wash an' brush when the
guns begin to speak.

We're ahead o' the commissariat staff, an' all as we
'ave to eat

Is Rooty soaked to a slab o' mud, an' 'Arriat ham for
meat.

Ping that's 'ow are you faring?

Ping! that's 'oping yo're fine!

But I'd sell me soul for a slice o' goose an' a glass o'
sherry wine.

Jimmy, 'e's 'aving 'is pals alone, an' Billy, 'e cops
the crew,

But I'm 'avin' a 'ell o' a time, seein' me country
through.

But, 'struth it's a Merry Christmas, as we in the
trenches get.

Though our 'ands is froze 'till it's 'ard to shoot, an'
the socks in our boots is wet,

But me! I couldn't be 'appy o' a fire tonight

When I knows full well, as I'm hale an' strong an'
fit for the 'ardest fight.

Ping! that's a Merry Christmas!

Ping! that's a glad New Year!

But the missus an' kids feel safe to-night. They
wouldn't if we weren't 'ere.

Jimmy, 'e's smokin' a black cheroot, an' Billy a fat
cigar,

But I'm 'avin' a 'ell o' a time, an' I'm damn glad
I are!