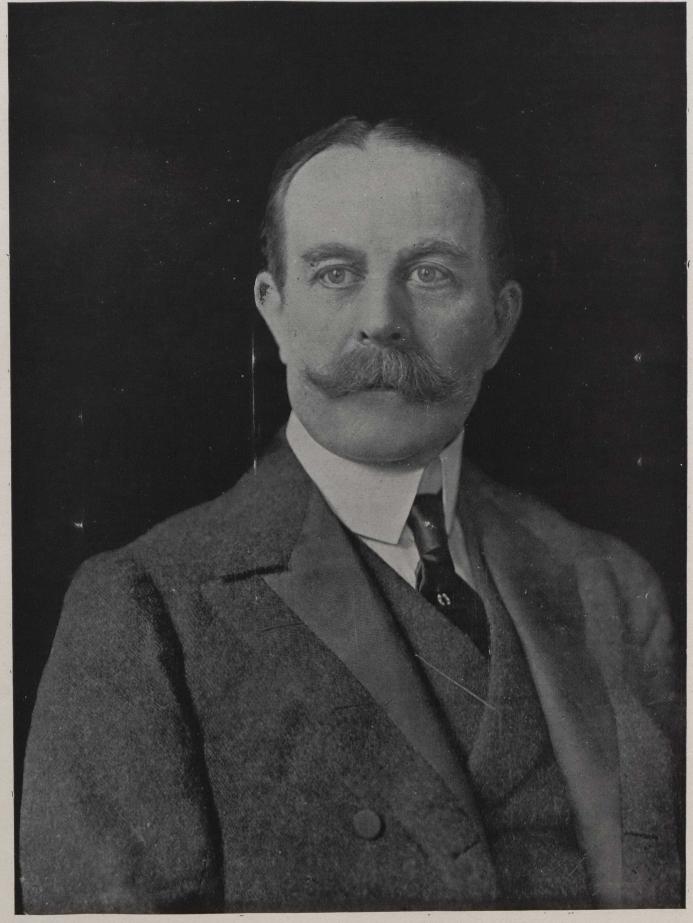


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The British Cabinet Minister most deeply interested, officially, in Canada is the Earl of Crewe, who comes from the position of Lord President of the Council to that of Secretary for the Colonies in succession to Lord Elgln. He was born in London on January 12, 1858, being the son of the first Baron Houghton, the well-known writer and politician, by Annabella Hungerford, daughter of the second Baron Crewe. He succeeded his father in 1885, and is married to the youngest daughter of the Earl of Rosebery. He was educated at Harrow and at Trinity College, Cambridge, and was assistant private secretary to the Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Earl Granville), 1883-4; Lord-in-Waiting to the Queen, 1886; Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, 1892-95; and has been Lord President of the Council since 1905.