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Son of Whitby Irish Secretary

THE fifty years of life Sir Hamar Greenwood, the new Irish Secretary, have been divided exactly equally between Canada and the Motherland, the first twenty-five in Canada, the last twenty-five in England. If in his early years he definitely planned a great career in British politics no one here knew of it. His trip to England as soon as he graduated from college was regarded by his friends merely as the casual visit of a young graduate anxious to see a little of the world before settling down. Tradition has it, perhaps falsely, that he made that trip in a cattle boat, in charge of a consignment of stock on the hoof for the Liverpool market. Part of the payment for the service was a free trip home, but Greenwood didn't come home.

No pioneer challenging the wilderness for a fortune ever surpassed in romance the career of the Canadian youth, unknown and friendless and penniless, who challenged fortune where life was most dense and complex and difficult, and who to-day holds in his hands the destiny of the most troublesome issue in modern domestic British politics.

When Greenwood lived in Toronto he was regarded as a born orator. It is not on record that he has set the Thames on fire by his oratory, or that he has been classed by British critics in the upper flights of great orators. But certain it is that he had even as a youth that comparatively rare thing known as platform magnetism.

It was as a forerunner of "Pussyfoot" Johnson that he got his first opening in England. Temperance societies were then getting active, but they found difficulty in getting speakers with ability and enough courage to go out on the platform and espouse a most unpopular cause. Greenwood had that ability and courage to burn.

Paralleling the cattle boat tradition is another story of one occasion when Greenwood was sent to deliver a speech and was for the visit put up as a guest at a pretentious country house. In the morning a valet of the house entered Greenwood's room to brush his suit. During the operation two shillings, all the money Greenwood possessed in the world, fell out. Significantly the valet picked them up, indicating to Greenwood where he laid them, "Oh, take them, my man," said the sleepy but quick-witted Greenwood; "I left them in that pocket for you."

Greenwood's experience as a temperance speaker was valuable in that it served as a stepping stone to politics, and he soon found steady employment in the Liberal organization. He studied law at the same time, and was called to the Bar. And in ten short years he had made himself so valuable to the party that a seat in Parliament was found for him, and he entered the House of Commons in the great Liberal triumph of 1906. It was not long before he was asked to take an under-secretaryship, and his progress has been uninterrupted. Apparently he has made no mistakes so far. If he settles Ireland who can say what future still lies ahead of him?

Before and during his university course Greenwood taught school and held positions as temporary clerk in some of the Government departments. Once he organized a theatrical troupe which toured Western Ontario, but it is not on record that this venture helped much in a financial way. Greenwood was himself advance agent and heavy tragedian of the company. The striking figure he made when he struck a new one-night stand, with his silk hat, very long-skirted Prince Albert coat and bright patent leather shoes, is still remembered after twenty-five years in many an Ontario town. He always made a tour of the main street calling at all the shops, making himself agreeable, and drumming up business for the show. In those days he was, as he is yet, a fine figure of a man.

One of his early hobbies was military training and, while yet an undergraduate, he held a commission in the home town regiment of militia. Another story of him which also may be apocryphal is that he went to his first camp against his father's wishes. When his father followed him there Greenwood refused to recognize him but instead had him arrested and detained in the military jail. Does this incident give a forecast of what he will do in Ireland? A man who will arrest his own father and who has taken "Dare to be a Daniel" as his motto ought not to be lacking either in firmness or in humor.

In Whitby, his birthplace, and afterwards in Toronto he was always

"Tom" Greenwood, but when he went to England he used his second name of Hamar and it is as Sir Hamar Greenwood, Bart, he is known now. His return visits to Canada since he left her shores have been infrequent. On his last visit he was accompanied by his wife, formerly Miss Spencer, a member of a distinguished and wealthy English family to whom he was married nine years ago.

Those who were intimately associated with Greenwood here regarded him as having the potentialities of a great man. Even in his theatrical outburst he was under restraint. And he had fire, mixed with coolness, judgment, courage, and tact. On one visit home an old friend asked him if he cultivated advancement in the English Liberal party by making a specialty of free trade. "No chance," he replied. "A schoolboy in England has forgotten more about the tariff issue than I ever knew. I talked to them about Canada, something I knew a lot about and they knew nothing."

Significance in Greenwood's appointment lies in the fact that as a Canadian he is familiar with Dominion Home Rule as it works out, as no purely British statesman can be.

Our Native Birds.

One of the most valuable assets our nation has is its native birds. Too much cannot be written in their favor.

Destroy them and in a few years the injurious insects will have multiplied to such an extent that trees will be denuded of their foliage, plants and crops cannot be produced.

There are more than 1,200 species of our native birds, and millions of individuals. As a result of the examination of over 50,000 stomachs of birds, they established beyond a reasonable doubt that birds are of economic value, first in eating harmful insects, their eggs and larvae. Second, in eating the seeds of noxious weeds. Third, in devouring field mice, and other small rodents that injure the crops, and fourth, in acting as scavengers. While the economic value of birds should be kept in mind the aesthetic value should also be considered. Man does not live by bread alone.

We should protect them for their graceful forms, their charming beauty, their delightful melody, and their joyous activity.

Retraining 25,485 Veterans.

In comparison with the United States, Canada continues to lead in the industrial retraining of disabled ex-service men. According to official figures published at Washington by the Federal Board of Vocational Education, a total of 32,204 men have entered training out of 41,813 men who had been approved. In Canada at the same period 48,365 men had been approved for courses under the vocational branch of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, and 43,124 had actually commenced retraining.

In the United States 3,409 men are recorded as having completed or discontinued training. During the same period in Canada 13,039 men graduated as trained. At present in Canada 25,485 men are shown as undergoing re-training. In all, 49,501 men have been approved for courses and 41,669 actually started on such re-training courses.

Agricultural Products in Sask.

Despite the very poor crop conditions that prevailed over the greater part of Saskatchewan last year, the total value of agricultural products in 1919, exclusive of the increase in the value of live stock, was \$367,993,000, an increase of thirty million dollars over the year previous. The gain was chiefly due to better prices paid for grain crops, flax fibre, and to the growth of the dairy industry in that province. Oats, barley and flax were, generally speaking, better yielding crops in 1919 than in 1918.

He Was Wrong.

Perhaps you have already heard this incident of a Toronto motorist, and if you have, you may marvel that it does not occur oftener. The motorist stopped at a corner and offered to give a woman a ride downtown. "Sir!" she exclaimed, in great indignation, "what do you take me for?" "My mistake, madam," replied the motorist graciously, "I took you for a lady."

By 300-Mile Snow Trail.

Robert Lowe, of White Horse, was elected speaker of the Yukon Territory Legislative Assembly which met in Dawson City on April 8. Lowe reached Dawson by stage over a 300-mile snow trail.

Clean Hen-house Windows.

Always remember that the rays of the sun are the cheapest and best life-givers and purifiers, and that they will kill all germs which they touch. Therefore, keep the windows clean so that the sun can shine in.

Henry Bray Edwards

Mr. Henry Bray Edwards, a former highly respected resident of this village, died suddenly on Saturday evening last at his home in Hamilton, apoplexy being the direct cause of his death. He was apparently in his usual health when he retired to his room, succumbing a few minutes after the attack.

Deceased was born in Waterdown 67 years ago, and resided here until fifteen years ago when he went to Hamilton to reside. Mr. Edwards was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends here who will deeply regret his death.

Deceased was a valued employe of the International Plow Works, and the firm loses a faithful worker. He was a member of Court Oronhyatekhe I. O. F. Besides his widow, he leaves two sons and five daughters; also two sisters, Mrs. W. S. Featherston and Mrs. John Reid of Waterdown, all of whom have the deepest sympathy of the community.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon from his late residence, 59 Cedar Avenue, Hamilton. Interment being in Hamilton cemetery.

Base Ball

(By the Sporting Editor)

One more scalp added to the war belt of the W. A. A. At Wabasso on Saturday last the Waterdown Seniors again demonstrated to the large crowd they are the most consistent winners in the league. Their defence work kept the opposition to three lone tallies, while their attack had their opponents chasing the ball to all corners of the lot. The end of the seventh innings found that the W. A. A. had nineteen runners touch the four bags. Stewart in right field for the winners featured, salvaging a fast ball through the diamond, and throwing his man out at first base.

Team play is badly needed, and will be more so before the end of the season. The only way to acquire it is to get out and practice. The boys are taking things too easy. Reverses are bound to come unless the team gets busy and gets out to practice. The game cannot be played on the town streets, so get together on the diamond if you expect to bring home the gonfalon.

LEAGUE STANDING

	Won	Lost	p. c.
Waterdown	3	0	1000
Dominion Glass	2	1	666
Colts	1	2	333
Fungsten Lamp	1	2	333

The Juniors motored to Millgrove last Saturday, but owing to rain and wet grounds were unable to cross bats with the Millgrovites, or they too might have added a scalp to their belts. It is high time they were getting in the win column again. However they are only learning the game, and while a win looks good, a loss is a good lesson if taken in the right spirit. So keep up a brave front boys, the season is young.

Carlisle defeated Flamboro Centre on Saturday by score of 10 to 3. Carlisle is running away from the rest with four straight wins. Keep it up Carlisle.

LEAGUE STANDING

	Won	Lost	p. c.
Carlisle	4	0	1000
Flamboro Centre	2	2	500
Waterdown	1	2	333
Millgrove	0	3	000