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SIR GEORGE FOSTER ON CLOTHES
(Toronto Star.)

Sir George Foster tells us that we should buy no new garments, but should make old suits last three years at least. This frugal and timely advice, which is now going the rounds of the press, comes, we feel sure, from George E. Foster in his purely native-born Canadian capacity as member of parliament for North Toronto, rather than from him in his new capacity as a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

The advice given by the member for North Toronto refers, we assume, to the tweed or shoddy suits worn by the electors, and is based on his own experience and observation as a plain citizen.

As a Knight Grand Cross or a G. C. M. G., however, Sir George Foster cannot surely venture to adopt any such frugality in attire as he recommends to the rest of us. Although he has not as yet been seen by his constituents in the uniform and regalia of the distinguished order in which he has just received promotion, it is reasonably certain that he will create something of a sensation when he puts in an appearance at the corner of Bloor and Bathurst streets.

The decorations that Sir George will now wear consist of a badge, star, collar, ribbon, mantle, and chapeau. The mantle will be of blue satin lined with scarlet silk, and the chapeau (in North Toronto called a hat) is of the same materials and mounted with black and white ostrich feathers. Underneath the mantle will be the sash which Sir George estimates may be worn for three years. The badge to be worn is white enamelled and resembling a Maltese Cross, but with seven arms instead of four; on one side it represents the Archangel Michael encountering Satan, and on the other St. George and the Dragon. The star consists of seven rays of silver spreading like the badge, and with narrow ones of gold between. The collar is made up of crowned lions, the two front ones with wings (all of gold), Maltese crosses, and ciphers of letters. The ribbon is of Saxon blue with a scarlet stripe. But taking it altogether, it is the mantle and the chapeau with the ostrich feathers that will attract most attention when Sir George next appears among his constituents.

The member for North Toronto in the parliament of Canada having accepted a title which calls for this outward attire and these exterior decorations, may none the less be quite sincere in urging others to practise frugality in attire, and he may even practise it himself in his underwear or ordinary garb. But there must be times when he blossoms out gorgeously in all the finery of a sort of splendid indulgence toward the evening of a life of self-repression.

Good advice about making one's old suit last three years is all right in its place coming from a member of parliament, but surely a man's constituents are entitled to see him at his best, when he is in full bloom, with all his coveted rewards and glories on him. So when Sir George next addresses the people of North Toronto on simplicity and frugality of attire he should come among them in that attire in which he is a feast for the eyes of kings—arrayed in his best as a Knight Grand Cross of the Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

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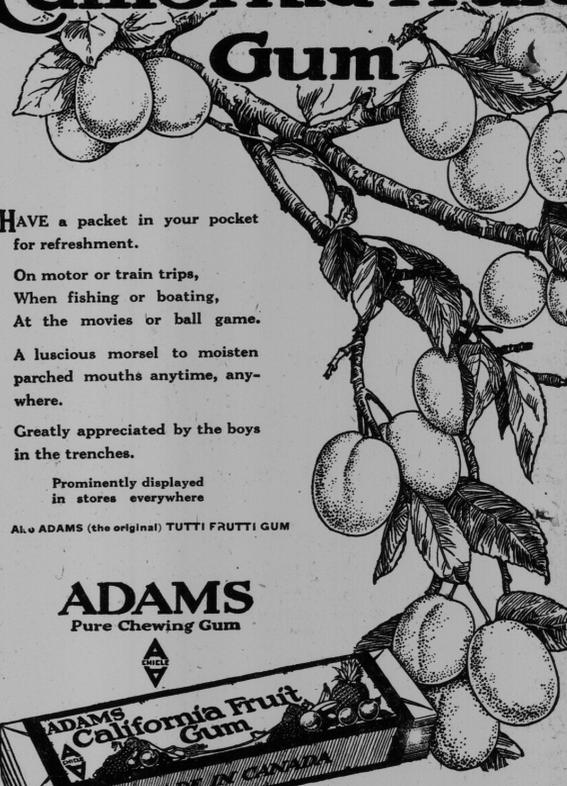
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A U. S. senate airplane investigating committee is said to have found evidence of a plot in the Curtis plant at Buffalo.

Gen. I. B. Castleman, who fought with the Confederates in the Civil War and with the U. S. forces in 1895, is dead at Louisville, Ky.

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BRITISH BARONET IS PRIVATE IN THE C.E.F.

Eighth Baronet of Alderston Does Not Use Title He Inherited

When the subject of titles has been holding the centre of the stage of discussion, for a time pushing even war news out of the spotlight, when a few people who have titles, and a great many more who have not, have been demanding in flaring headlines that titles be thrown in the melting pot, it is interesting to know that a baronet of Toronto has quietly inherited a title over two centuries old, and he and his lady have as quietly ignored it.

The baronet, Sir Conran Ker Hay, the eighth baronet of the noble house of Hay of Alderston, is Pte. Hay of the 220th C. E. F. His wife and two children live on Kilmear avenue, Birch Cliff.

The oldest child, a lad of six years,

Alexander Horsfield, will be the ninth baronet. "It is really amusing the fuss that has been made over titles lately," commented Mrs. Hay. "Of what use are they, anyway?"

The Hay title is the stamp of the genuine old-line nobility created in 1702, bestowed for military valor, and inherited by military men. Conran Ker Hay followed the example of his ancestors, but with this difference—the first baronet was a noted military man, the second was a captain of the dragoons, the third was a lieutenant-colonel of the Scots Greys, but the eighth baronet holds the most honored post of all, that of a private in the C. E. F.

A younger brother of the present baronet, Thomas Corlett Hay, is a captain of the Imperial army in the Tank Service.

The last baronet was Sir Hector Maclean Hay, uncle to Conran Ker. He held the title through an error in inheritance, but at his death two years ago, the title fell back to the rightful owner, line of which Pte. Hay is the oldest representative.

Mr. and Mrs. Hay came to Toronto from England six years ago. Previous

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