

where else to disgust the average Canadian. "The grand old gardener and his dame" are not smiling; they are flashing with a touch of indignation.

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Hamilton Herald.

In declining an Imperial title John Ross Robertson puts himself in the same class as Pitt, Gladstone, Chamberlain, Bright, George Brown, Edward Blake, Alexander Mackenzie, to name only a few. Not bad company.

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Guelph Mercury.

It is apparent that Mr. J. Ross Robertson, proprietor of The Toronto Telegram, has declined a knighthood. By so doing he has gained distinction, and has endeared himself to the public of Canada. His many benefactions, his well-directed philanthropy and his great love for deformed and bent children, have earned for him a place higher than knighthood. It is gratifying to know that such a man is content to be known as Mr. John Ross Robertson.

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Toronto News.

It is stated that Mr. John Ross Robertson has declined knighthood and also a senatorship. The rumor he confirms in an admission to one of the morning papers. While Mr. Robertson has been active in the Masonic Order, and has held the office of Grand Master and other such positions, he has never sought political recognition. During the short time that he was a member of the House of Commons for East Toronto he was very restless, and got out of Parliament as quickly as he could. He has helped to make many Mayors, but himself has never been a candidate for Council. No one doubts, however, that he could be easily elected to the office of Mayor if it ever entered his head to be a candidate. But nothing is more improbable than that he would be a candidate for the Mayoralty or any other office."

Prince Albert (Sask.) Herald.

There is a despatch from Ottawa which says that Sir Robert Borden offered a peerage and a senatorship to John Ross Robertson, editor of The Toronto Telegram, but that this gentleman gratefully declined the honors.

If Sir Robert Borden is absolutely stuck for a candidate upon whom to plant these decorations we would respectfully submit that he should consult our old friend Bill Gallon, the Conservative organizer at Regina, who has a flourishing herd of honor-seekers of the Laird brand who would dearly appreciate being cut loose among a bunch of senatorships or peerages.

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Moose Jaw News.

"A true Democrat," John Ross Robertson declining a knighthood is an example to every red-blooded and truly democratic Canadian. Because of his position as owner of The Toronto Telegram, one of the most forceful and independent journals in the Dominion, he occupies a dominating place in Canadian public life. As those who know Toronto and Ontario politics well know, he holds the fate of many public men in the hollow of his hand, a nod from him being quite sufficient to effect their undoing.

For these reasons one may say without exaggeration that there are few honors in Canadian public life that could not be his. Indeed, we have evidence that a knighthood could have been his for the mere consenting. But John Ross Robertson has long been known as a genuine democrat, and it is pleasing to have such good evidence that in his seventy-sixth year he has not forgotten his old principles.

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Toronto Globe.

"To the Editor of the Globe: Your comments in yesterday's issue and timely editorial in to-day's paper regarding Mr. John Ross Robertson declining to accept a knighthood and senatorship are refreshing, to say the least, and I would say hats off,