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THE RETIRING SECRETARY.

The retirement of Hon. R. W. Scott from the position of Secretary of State, which is now understood to be but the matter of a few days, is an important event in the history of Canada. Identified with the public life of this country for over half a century, Mr. Scott may well be styled the Nestor of Canadian politics. Though always an ardent Liberal, his sympathies have been so broad, his energy has been so emphatic, and his courtesy has been so unflinching that he has won the esteem of Canadians of both parties, of all races and of both creeds. The representative of the English-speaking Catholics both in the Government of Hon. Alexander Mackenzie and of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, he has, while always the valiant champion of the interests of his compatriots and co-religionists, invariably taken the stand on public affairs that the Cabinet was called upon to administer the affairs of the country in the interests of the whole people and not of any particular nationality or religion. Always at his post, never taking a holiday, ever attentive to the needs of the nation, he has been an ideal administrator, and he will carry with him to his well-earned rest the wishes of the great majority of the people of Canada that he may live for many years yet to do service for the country in the Senate, and to place in permanent form his recollections of men and affairs in Canada from 1840 to 1908.

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A HOT WEATHER MINISTER.

The Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, once more enjoys the distinction of managing every department of the federal service here. He is "minister of everything from Railways to Finance," his colleagues in the government being all away on holidays. There are not many men in public life to-day who have retained confidence in a public position for as long a term of years as Mr. Scott. He was elected to the Assembly of the old