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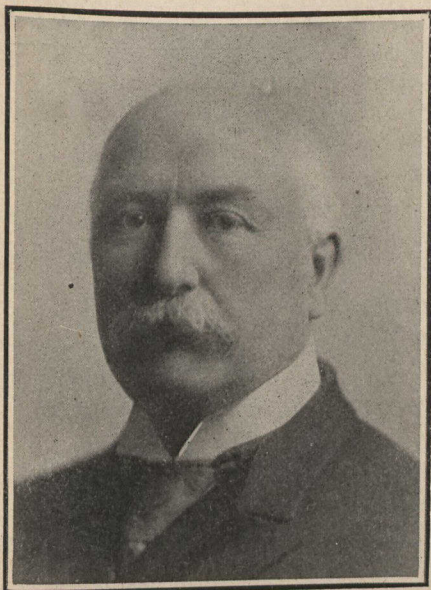
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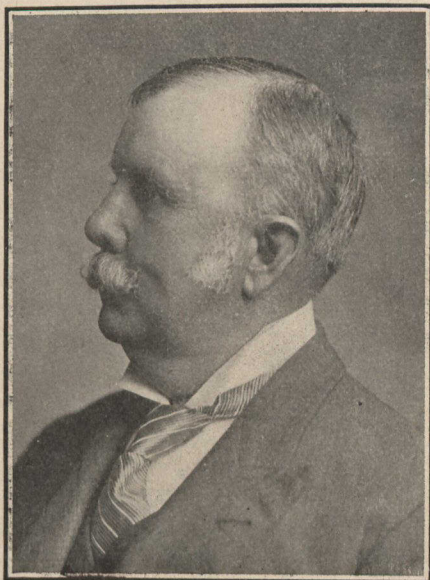
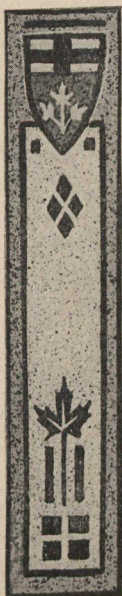
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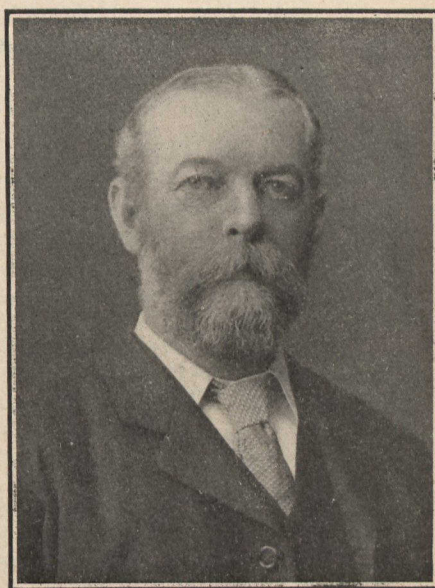
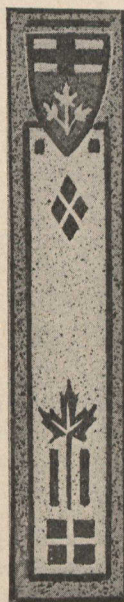
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Mr. T. W. Crothers, K.C.
Appointed Governor, University of Toronto.



Chief Justice Sir William Falconbridge,
Recently made Knight-Bachelor.



Hon. Sidney Fisher,
Who introduced Civil Service Reform Bill.

IN THE PUBLIC VIEW

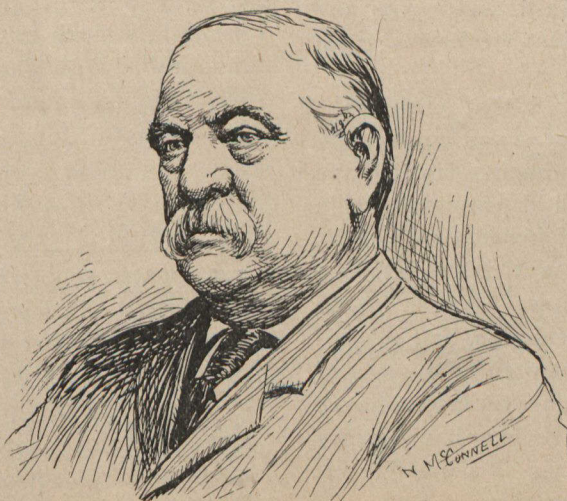
SIR WILLIAM GLENHOLME FALCONBRIDGE is now the name of the Chief Justice of the King's Bench in Ontario. Sir William shares the distinction of knighthood with Justice Taschereau of Quebec, as a result of the recent birthday honours dispensed by the King. Few knights in Canada have ever been more quietly worthy of the title; and yet Sir William's career is sadly identified with rebellions and raids—quite becoming to an Irishman. Sir William is a thorough Canadian; descended from Irish parentage, his father having come from the north of Ireland in the year of the Rebellion against the Family Compact. Sir William was born at Drummondville nine years later; educated at Barrie Collegiate Institute, which brought forth great lawyers by the score, and at the University of Toronto, where he graduated with first-class honours in everything he laid his hands on including a gold medal for moderns—which was in the year of the Fenian Raid. For a year Mr. Falconbridge was professor of Moderns down east in Yarmouth Seminary, and afterwards took a turn in Spanish and Italian at Toronto University. Nine years registrar of the University and afterwards member of the Senate, Mr. Falconbridge resigned from the Senate in 1896 because he did not agree with Dr. Goldwin Smith's Canadian views and protested against the granting of a degree to that eminent scholar. It was during his term as registrar that Mr. Falconbridge began to study law; in 1885, year of the Northwest Rebellion, he was made a Q.C. and appointed to the Bench two years later. Twenty-one years after he was appointed to the Bench, came the honour that enrolls Sir William Falconbridge among the knights of Canada.

THE new Governor of Toronto University is Mr. T. W. Crothers, who will be remembered as the text book commissioner who declined to take money for services rendered to the State. Mr. Crothers succeeds Mr. J. L. Englehart, whose chairmanship of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission takes up more of his time than he can afford to give to the University. Mr. Crothers will not find his knowledge of text-books coming amiss as a Governor of the institution that uses up more text-books than any other in Canada and almost as many as any other university in the world. Mr. Crothers

knows Western Ontario thoroughly, being a resident of Elgin County, and will represent that section with ability.

THE death of Grover Cleveland leaves a sort of gap for the Canadian imagination to fill. Grover Cleveland was the only President of the United States who spent most of his ante-Presidential career on the Canadian border, where as a leading lawyer in Buffalo and afterwards Governor of the State of New York he became familiar to a great many Canadians, long before he became famous as the issuer of the most verbose messages ever sent to Congress and the author of the notorious Venezuela message. Canada has always taken an intimate interest in the lives and deaths of Presidents. From the tragedy of Lincoln to that of Garfield and McKinley, down to the peaceful death of Benjamin Harrison and of Grover Cleveland, the affairs of chief magistrates across the border have been quite as notable to Canada in a personal sense as those of the heads of the nations across the water.

DR. WILD is dead. To such as may never have known Dr. Wild this may not seem of more importance than the passing of an average man; for it is a good many years since the one-time famous prophet-orator of Bond Street Church, Toronto, became a lost figure to Canadians. In the days of Dr. Wild's ascendancy the pulpit orator was a larger figure in Canada than he is to-day; but Dr. Wild chose for his utterances themes that would have either distinguished or extinguished any man that took them in hand. He was the first public exponent, in Canada at least, of the theory that the British nation consists of the ten lost tribes of Israel; he also predicted that there would some day arise a female Christ. He made a specialty of predicting wars and he usually managed to come very close to the place and date. Universal calamities were his doctrinal delight, and he had a penchant for answering questions in his pulpit that caused many a listener to wonder that one small head could carry all he knew.



The late Grover Cleveland.

HON. SYDNEY FISHER made a telling speech last week in behalf of his Civil Service Reform Bill, winning general approval for the way in which he presented the most advanced measures yet brought forward in the cause of non-partisan service. Mr. Fisher is a minister who has no love for the limelight. However, when duty or occasion calls, he emerges from his departmental office and makes good in a quietly thorough fashion.