

period passed, however, he made up his mind to become an artist, and he was only 16 when his first picture was exhibited. In 1851 he began his half century of connection with "Punch."

Dr. Drummond

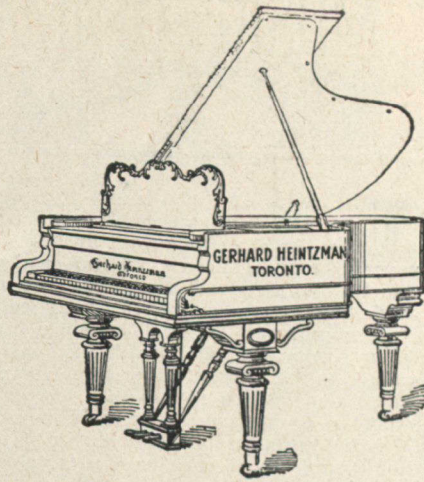
It is difficult to find words to express the loss, suffered by those who knew him, in the death of William Henry Drummond. To the world at large, Dr. Drummond was the creator of a new type in literature; to his friends he was infinitely more than this. Warm-hearted, generous, sympathetic, true as steel, he stood for all that is best in the land of his birth, and in the land of his adoption. Patriotic in no narrow sense of the term, he took a keen interest in all public questions, and threw his influence on the side of all movements for the betterment of Canadian life. He had faith in the wholesomeness of Canadian ideals, and believed firmly that his country was destined to take a large place in the world's history. He was a broad man in every sense of the term. His modesty would not admit anything of merit in his own achievements, whether in literature or otherwise, but he always felt and expressed the warmest appreciation of what was worthy in the work of his friends and contemporaries.

Like that other well-known Canadian, "Ralph Connor," Dr. Drummond was literally forced to publish his first book by friends who would not permit him to hide his talents. His earlier Habitant verses were written solely for the amusement of a few intimates, and when the suggestion was made to him that he should issue them in book form, he scouted the idea as absurd. The instant popularity which "The Habitant" achieved in Canada and England, and especially in the United States, left him almost aghast. And yet it was part of the charming simplicity of his character that he accepted the praise lavished upon his book without either affectation or self-consciousness. He was genuinely pleased to find that thousands of readers on both sides of the Atlantic shared his own keen interest in the personality of the French-Canadian peasant, though he did not realize that his own genius had made the type known to the world; even to those of us who lived among the Habitants, Dr. Drummond's word-pictures came as a revelation.—Lawrence J. Burpee in "The Nation."

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The attention of the joint general committee of the Order of Railway Conductors, and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, assembled last week in the city of Winnipeg, and representing all the employees in train and yard service on the Canadian Pacific Railway from Fort William west to the Pacific coast, was directed to the proposed legislation in the Dominion House having in view the enactment of a law making two cents a mile the maximum rate for passenger travel in Canada. They unanimously adopted a resolution opposing the measure. They seemed to think that Canada's population is yet too scattered; the climatic conditions must be considered; and it would be unwise to do away with special home-seekers' and harvesters' excursions.

The announcement that American golfers are trying to resuscitate international matches with their Canadian brethren brings one face to face once more with the fact that while the general public laughs at golf its devotees get it worse than any community ever contracts the bridge craze. "What is there in golf?" a man with the fever remarked recently. "Well, I hit a ball just right this afternoon and as it sailed away straight and true a feeling went through me that nothing else could give. I lost the game, but that feeling's with me yet—and you'll never know what pure joy is till you experience it."



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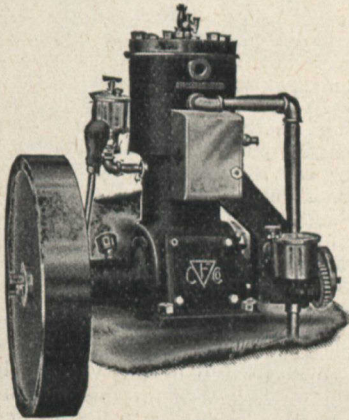
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