

Hector Francis MacDougall, J. P., M. P.



The subject of this sketch is a typical specimen of the Barra-man,—clear-sighted, quick-witted, shrewd, and kindly withal. Mr. MacDougall's grandparents came from the Island of Barra, Scotland, and were two of the hardy pioneers who founded the Barra Colony of the new land. His father was a well-to-do merchant, of Christmas Island, C. B., and his mother was Mary MacNeill, of the same place, and also of the Barra Stock.

The subject of our sketch was born on June 6th, 1848. On the 6th Sept., 1875, he was married to Christina, daughter of Allan Cameron, a brother of Bishop Cameron, Antigonish, N. S. In 1878 he was made a Justice of the Peace for his native county. He sat in the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia from the general election of 1878 until 1882, and was a member of the Provincial Government, known as the Holmes-Thompson Government, the late Sir John Thompson being Attorney-General in the administration.

He first contested his present seat, Cape Breton, at the general election of 1882, and though unsuccessful on that occasion, he made such an excellent impression that on the appointment of the sitting member to the Senate, in July 1884, he carried the seat, and has held it ever since. Elsewhere in our columns we publish an interview, the *Fiery Cross* has had with Mr. MacDougall, relative to the resources and prospective future of Cape Breton county. The interview is in the old language, in which dress, we have no doubt, it will be doubly appreciated by the great majority of his Constituents. Mr. MacDougall forms a welcome addition to our Portrait Gallery of Scottish Canadians.

COMHRADH EADAR AN "CRANN TARA" AGUS

EACHUINN F. DUGHALLACH, M. P.

Crìst—Is e mo bheachd, a Mhr. MacDhughaill, gum bheil Gaidhlig agaibh, agus gur fear-tagraidh sibh anns a Pharlamaid air son an sìorrachd anns am bheil Sir Charles Tupper a dol a sheasamh an drasta? Tha e air innse dhomh, mar au ceudna, gum bruidhinn a chuid mhor de'n luchd taghaidh anns an t-shiorromachd sin a Ghaidhlig, 'us gur Gaidheil dhuineil iad? Bu ghle-thaogh leam innse, anns a chainninn sin, dom' luchd-leughaidh anns an *Crann-Tara*, (Am *Fiery Cross*), mu eachdraidh an sluagh do'm beil am Mor-fear-Chomhairlich Chanada so a toirt a leithid a dh'urram ann a bhi a siarraidh gu bhith na fhear-tagraidh air an son.

Freagairt—Tha feagail orm nach labhair mi a Ghaidhlig ro-mhath, eadhon ged a labhras mi i mar a rinn mi a h-ionnsachadh bho m' mhathair, ach gun teagamh labhradh a chuid is mo de sluagh na sìorramachd i.

Crìst—Is i sin sìorramachd Cheap Bhreutuin? Tha'n t-shiorramachd gu h-ionnag anns an eilean?

Freagairt—Tha sin mar sin, agus cha n'urrainn dhuibh a dhol nis fhada den taobh an ear anns an duthaich so gun 'ur casan a fhluithreach.

Crìst—Cead a nis mu'n sluagh iad fhein, cead an obair-airidh th'aca anns an sgr sin?

Freagairt—Cha 'n eil tuathanich mhor cho lionmhair againn 'sa tha iad ann an Ontario. Tha moran dhe 'n t-sluagh againn a tha deaneadh an beolaint le beagan obair air an fhearann,—le iasgach, seoldaireachd, agus le saothair anns na meinnean. Tha mar sin, moran dhuin gle mhat air an doigh, ged tha feadhain nach eil. Feumaidh mi aideachadh nach eil na tuathanich againn cho sgileil agus a fhaoidadh iad a bhith, ach mair chosnach cha 'n eil nis fear fo 'n gheirn. Tha againn buidheann mheinneaderean air nach d'thoir an t-shaoghal barr, airson stuimeachd agus feinsis, maille ri colais agus obair—Seoldairean, maraichean 'us iasgairean cho tapaidh agus cho misneachdail 'sa chaidh riabh air muir.

Crìst—Feumaidh, mar sin, gur h'athne do Sir Charles an deadh ghne mas deach e cho fad air astar a dh'iarraidh ionaid-suidh. Tha fios againn gun deach da shiorrachd ainmeil faig oirn a tharigsin dha—Bailtean Mhontreal agus Ottawa.

Freagairt—Tha sin ceart ach tha speis mhor aige do Cheap Bhreutuin; 'sann anns an t-shiorrachd sin, air an 17th do Iulai, 1878, a fhoillsich e air tus, sa chuir e air bonn an innleachd-riaghlaidh ainmeil, urramach sin, ris an abair sinn a "National Policy," 'nuair labhar e ri seachd mìle sluagh, le guth cho fìor, cho ard, agus cho mor-chomasach 's gun deach a chluinntinn bho chearn gu ceann—cho Cheap Bhreutuin gu Vancouver; 'us cha dhi-chluinnich muinntir Cheap Bhreutuin gu brath an latha a dh'innse e dhaibh an doigh anns an gabhadh na toill-ghual obairachadh le buanachd dhaibh fhein 'us do'n tìr gu leir. Bha'n sluagh aig an am sin fuilug le gainne mhoir, agus a siarradh deire bho'n ghovernment, agus s'ann do Sir Charles Tupper tha iad an eisiomail air son an athleasachadh mor a rinn an riaghladh glie a chuire air bonn.

Crìst—Cha'n eil e coltach, mar sin, gum bidh neach sam bith air a chuir na aghaidh aig an am-sa?

Freagairt—Cha'n eil duil agam gum bidh. Ach cha'n eil cinnte sam bith air an sin. Ma bhios, tha fios againn gum beil a chuid mhor de'na Liberals anns an sgr sin cho tuigseach, agus cho deitheil air son math na duthcha is gun deid iad an guallan a