

Sir Henry Thornton possessed a charming personality. He was a man of vision, wide culture, ready wit, and broad human sympathies. He combined the genius of a great organizer and director of vast enterprises with the simple and natural qualities which make for friendship. His disposition was essentially kind and generous and just. Few men possessed in like degree the quality of gaining the co-operation of those with whom he was associated, and of inspiring loyalty. It was the reputation he had for fair play and equitable dealings in the relations between Labour and Capital, combined with his wide knowledge of transportation problems, and his known organizing abilities, which, a little over ten years ago, led the government of the day to retain his services. It has been generally conceded that a better choice could not have been made. When Sir Henry's resignation was tendered, general regret was expressed by the public, and particularly by the thousands of employees of the National System who had come to have implicit confidence in his management of the railways, and in his appreciation of their problems. This regret will be more widespread, and more deeply felt than ever to-day.

Not Canada alone, but Great Britain, the United States, and those other nations which he served so well at the

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