

Mentioned in Despatches

George F. Shepley, K.C., treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada, and everywhere regarded as one of the ablest men in the country, has just died in Toronto in his 64th year. He was born in Brant County, Ontario, educated at Victoria University and was called to the Bar in 1878. The late Mr. Shepley is probably best known through his work in connection with the Insurance Investigation in 1906-7, and also in connection with the work of the railway commission. He represented Canada before the Hague Tribunal in 1910.

Members of Parliament both in Federal and Provincial Houses are setting a good example in enlisting for overseas service. Two recent examples have just come to light. Evan E. Fraser, formerly member of the Ontario Legislature and more recently nominated as Conservative candidate from Welland for the Federal House, has joined the overseas battalion. Fraser, who is over six feet tall and weighs 250 lbs., will be second in command. Another more striking example is that furnished by Frank Walker, member of the Alberta Legislature and Chief Whip of the Liberal Party, who has enlisted as a private in one of the Western battalions.

The Rt. Hon. Joseph A. Pease, who has been appointed Postmaster-General in the British Cabinet in succession to Herbert Samuel, has long been regarded as one of the coming men. For many years he was private secretary to John Morley, when the latter was Chief Secretary for Ireland. He entered Parliament in 1892 and quickly met with promotion. He held Cabinet rank on a number of occasions, including the Chancellorship of the Duchy of Lancaster and the presidency of the Board of Education. Pease also had a considerable experience in the municipal field before he entered politics. He was born in 1860 and as a young man was famed as a sportsman.

Hon. William Pugsley, who has created a sensation in Parliament by making an attack upon the Government's shell contracts, represents St. John in the Federal House and is a native of Sussex, New Brunswick. He was born in 1850 and educated at Sussex and at the University of New Brunswick. Pugsley was called to the Bar in 1872 and as a lawyer made a big name for himself throughout his native province. After serving in the New Brunswick Legislature he became Speaker of the House, Solicitor-General, and finally Prime Minister of the Province. He was elected to the House of Commons for St. John in 1907. Dr. Pugsley is regarded as one of the most resourceful debaters in Parliament, and acquired fame during the debate on the Closure two years ago, when he became for a time the recognized leader of the Liberal Party in the fight they waged against the Government measure.

Henry Van Dyke, United States Ambassador to Holland, has just returned home on official business. All the American ambassadors in Europe are finding it extremely difficult to carry on their work, and Van Dyke is doubtless returning for further instructions. The Minister to Holland is a well-known clergyman and writer, and is only one of many college men appointed by President Wilson to consular posts. Van Dyke was born in Pennsylvania in 1852 and educated at Princeton. For some years he was minister of Presbyterian Churches in New York, and then professor of English literature at Princeton University. He was appointed to his present post three years ago. He has written scores of books, poems, and essays, most of which deal with religious or nature subjects.

Mr. H. Stikeman, for many years general manager of the Bank of British North America, has just died at his home in Montreal, aged sixty-four. He was born in England, educated in that country and obtained his first banking experience in the London office of the Bank of British North America. Mr. Stikeman came to Canada in 1871, where he continued as an official of the Bank. He was sent as the Bank's agent to New York City, where he remained several years, returning to Montreal in 1894 as general manager, a position he retained until 1912, when he resigned. The late Mr. Stikeman was keenly interested in hospital work, being for many years president of the Montreal General Hospital and was also a director of the London and Lancashire Life Assurance Company. As a young man he took a prominent part in athletics. His only son, Capt. H. F. C. is going overseas with the 148th Battalion now being organized in Montreal.

It is reported that Major W. R. Brown, of St. John, is to command one of the new battalions shortly to be raised in New Brunswick. Major Brown has been a resident of St. John for some years, being employed as accountant in the Norton Griffiths Company. When war broke out he joined the "fighting 26th," and went overseas with them. Major Brown was wounded in the famous Crater fight, was invalided home, but expects to go back and have another go at the Germans. The gallant major saw service in South Africa, where he was attached to the Imperial Yeomanry.

The Hon. C. W. Robinson, who has just resigned the leadership of the Liberal Party in New Brunswick, is one of the outstanding men in the province. He was premier of New Brunswick for two years, Speaker of the Assembly, and a member of a number of Cabinets. The Hon. Mr. Robinson was born in Moncton in 1866, educated at Mount Allison University, and called to the Bar in 1893. He has not only been prominent in legal, political and civic affairs, but is also connected with the industrial development of the province, being president of the Record Foundry & Machine Company and of Robinson Wright & Company, Ltd.

Reports from everywhere in France state that the British air fleet is vastly superior to that of the Germans. Much of this is due to the tireless efforts of Gen. Lewis Hall, head of the British Air Scouts in France. When war broke out Hall was living in retirement, having retired some five years ago. The General was born in 1855, his father being a general with an international reputation. The present head of the air scout service entered the artillery as a young man and saw service in all parts of the Empire. He always took a keen interest in aeronautics and during the leisure which came to him in the past five years became recognized as an expert. His knowledge is now being put to a very practical use.

Gen. Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the founder and originator of the Boy Scout movement and famous as the defender of Mafeking has been doing his "bit," just as he would have the boy scouts throughout the world fulfill their responsibilities. Baden-Powell has been acting on the staff of Gen. French in France as head of the intelligence department, a position for which he is admirably fitted. He was born in England in 1860 and educated at Charterhouse, joining the Scots Guards in 1882. He saw service in Egypt, in New Guinea, and in the South African War, and retired from the Army in 1904. Baden-Powell is the author of a number of books, but will always be best known as the creator of the Boy Scout movement.

Capt. Reginald Geary, of the 35th Battalion, now stationed in England, is just recovering from an operation for appendicitis. Capt. Geary is better known as Ex-Mayor Geary of Toronto, having occupied that position for some two or three years, later being appointed Corporation Counsel, a position he relinquished to go overseas with the 35th Battalion. Geary, who is still on the sunny side of forty, was one of the youngest mayors Toronto ever had. He is a lawyer by profession, and being a good Conservative and an Orangeman, found it easy to pass through the various stages of School Trustee and Alderman up to the mayoralty chair. Geary found the call for men irresistible, especially as he is descended from United Empire Loyalist stock on the one side and good old British stock on the other.

Ashmead Bartlett, the brilliant war correspondent, who has taken issue with Sir Ian Hamilton over the Dardanelles operations, is one of the youngest but best known military writers in the world. He is only thirty-four years of age, but half of that period has been spent with armies in the field, either as a participant of the fighting or as a war correspondent. As a lad of seventeen he went through the Greco-Turkish War with the Turkish army, and after taking part in many engagements was taken prisoner by the Greeks. He later served through the Boer War as an officer in the British Army, went through the Russo-Japanese War as a correspondent, and also saw service in Egypt, the Balkans, and in brief, wherever there has been a war in the last few years Bartlett was on hand. He was on the Majestic when she sank, and while in the trenches, had a narrow escape from being blown to pieces by a huge shell. He is lecturing in the United States and in his lectures and interviews stated that no army in the world could have forced the Dardanelles, the position being impregnable.

Baron Chelmsford, former Governor of Queensland and of New South Wales, has been appointed Viceroy of India in succession to Baron Hardinge. The new Viceroy, who is the third Baron Chelmsford, was born in England in 1868, and educated at Oxford, graduating as a lawyer. For some years he was a member of the London School Board and also an alderman of the city. Apparently aldermen in London are made of different timber to those holding office in Canada, as very few of our city fathers ever become governors and rulers of three hundred million people.

Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, former president of the Grand Trunk Railway, is so seriously ill at his home in England that his death is expected at any moment. He was educated at Eton and Oxford and later occupied a number of important Government positions, including the controller-generalship of the National Debt Office and Finance Minister of Egypt. He became president of the Grand Trunk Railway in 1895 and held office for several years, during which time he made a number of trips to Canada.

Lieut. Barclay Drummond, only son of the late Dr. W. H. Drummond, the Habitant poet, has just gone overseas to finish his training as an aviator. Young Drummond is a good example of the young Canadians who are volunteering to do their "bit." At the outbreak of war he joined the 5th Royal Highlanders, Montreal, with the intention of going overseas, but broke his leg in a motor accident, which prevented his going with his associates. As soon as he could get his leg mended he started in to train as an aviator but broke his wrist. Accidents like these, however, could not dampen his ardour and he has just sailed for England to complete his course.

Dr. James Douglas, Chancellor of Queen's University, Kingston, has just increased his grant to the new college library from \$100,000 to \$150,000. Dr. Douglas assumed the chancellorship of the university a few months ago, succeeding the late Sir Sanford Fleming. His interest in Queen's, however, did not commence at that time, but dates back to the days when he was a student at the university. He was born in the Province of Quebec in 1858, and educated at Quebec and at Queen's University. For some time he was professor of Chemistry at Morrill College, Quebec, but for the past forty years has been a resident of the United States, where he is regarded as one of the leaders in the mining world. Dr. Douglas has large interests in copper properties in Arizona. He is also a frequent contributor to the scientific press, and altogether is an exceptionally fine type of citizen, even if he does live south of the 49th parallel.

Gen. David Watson, commander of a brigade of Canadians at the front, is over in Flanders trying to solve the age-long controversy as to which is mightier, the pen or the sword. Before going overseas he was editor and managing director of the Quebec Chronicle, and is one of the many newspaper men to have done good work at the front. Canada's newspaper warrior, who has been given a C. M. G. by the King, was born in Quebec City in 1869, and has been in journalism all his life. At the same time he has always taken a keen interest in military matters, joining the 8th Regiment of Royal Rifles in 1900, and working his way up to the command of the regiment. When war broke out he was one of the first men in Canada to offer his services. He has been in the very thick of the fighting from the outset, including the Battles of St. Julien, Festubert and Givenchy.

J. Kerr Osborne, formerly vice-president of the Massey-Harris Company of Toronto, has just died in England, where he has been living for the past few years. The late Mr. Osborne was born at Beamsville, Ont., in 1843, and was educated in Scotland and at the University of Toronto. As a young man he helped organize the A. Harris, Sons & Company, implement manufacturers at Brantford, Ont., and when this concern was absorbed by the Massey Company he became vice-president of the amalgamated concern. He was also a director of the North American Life Assurance Company, the Imperial Bank, the Western Assurance Company, and a number of other corporations. As a young man he served in the Fenian Raid and has transmitted his fondness for military affairs to his sons, one of them having been killed in the Boer War, while two others have taken part in the present war, one of them being wounded and taken prisoner at the Battle of St. Julien.