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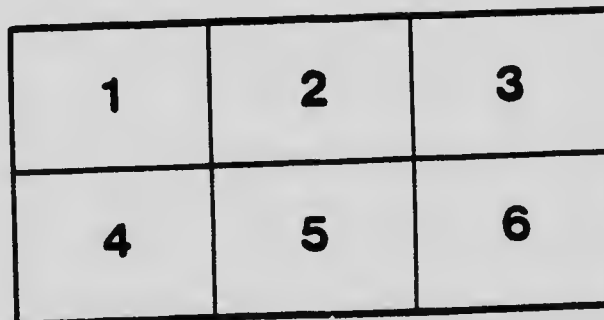
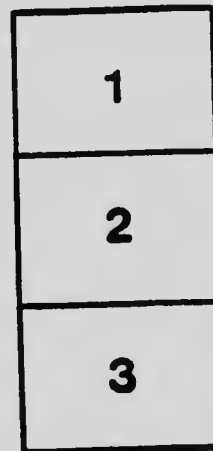
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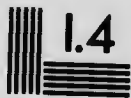
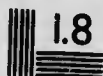
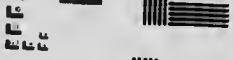
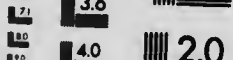
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The Canadian Knights Entertainment



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The Astronomer Knight,
The Scientific Research Knight.
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The Contributor Knight.
The Railway Knight.
The Banker Knight.
The Judicial Knight.
The Manufacturer Knight.
The Financial Knight.
The Political Knight.

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The Canadian Knights Entertainment



(Prelude)

Come listen while I sing to you
Of doughty Knights Canadian,
Whose "Entertainment" far exceeds
The famous "Nights Arabian."



The Newspaper Peer.

There first appears upon my stage
A Peer of highest station
"Although my blood's not very blue,
I've got the circulation."

The Astronomer Knight.

The next—"Sir Gazer Star am I,
I know the milky way.
For years and years I've worked all night,
And slept away the day."

"My finds of comets' tails and such
Have made the world excited,
What better guerdon could I claim
Than to be now be(k)nighted. "

The Scientific Research Knight.

Sir Microscope took up the tale,
And said with hearty glee,
"Ten years research—I've found at last,
The fifth leg on a flea."

"My grateful country knew full well
That this was very vital,
And so made haste to honour me,
By giving me a title."

He smiled and bowed, his exit made,
Another takes his place,
To carry on this titled tale,
With grave and placid face.



The Packer Baron.

"From Front de Boeuf, that Norman bold,
Of Saxon men the foe,
I draw my blood—at least I should—
Refer to 'Ivanhoe'."

"He led the beef trust of his day,
Of Packers I'm the Chief,
They called him Norman Front de Boeuf,
I'm Baron Front de Beef.

The Contributor Knight.

And now a quiet smootl.-faced man
Appears to speak his part,
A pros'prous man, of middle age,
And not too big a heart.

"I won my title well", said he,
"I saved my country dear,
Subscribing to election funds,
When there was cause to fear,"

"Unless the boodle pot were full,
The other side would win,
And so wipe out all vested rights,
Which surely were a sin."

"I spent my thousands lavishly,
And when we won the day,
They handed me my knight-hood, and—
That's all I've got to say."

The Railway Knight.

A sterner man succeeds the last,
A man of threat'ning mien,
And masterful—a leader he,
It's easy to be seen.

"Ye prate of ancestry", quote he,
"And blood both red and blue,
But my descent can straight be traced—
I swear to you it's true."—

"From brave Sir Henry Morgan,
Of buccaneers the King,
Who swaggered through the Spanish Main,
And robbed like anything."

"Of Spanish ships he took his toll,
He raided many a city,
His fame's kept fresh unto this day,
In roaring sailor ditty."

"The 'Freedom of the seas' was his,
For none dare say him nay,
He took his tithe from anywhere,
His motto 'Make them pay'."

"From his hot veins my blood I draw,
His watch-word, too, is mine,
I love to ponder on his might,
In days of Auld Lang Syne."

'From near Atlantic's sounding wave,
To far Pacific's shore,
I've looted ev'ry treasury,
I've gathered more and more."

"Until, my primacy confessed,
They made of me a Knight,
In ermine's white and spotless fur,
I'm safely now bedight."



The Banker Knight.

With stately tread and thoughtful eye
A banker takes the stage,
A purs(e)y man, most dignified,
Of venerable age.

"My country honoured well itself,
The day it honoured me,
I loan our money ten per cent,
And pay for it just three".

“Gainst clients’ speculation wild
I sternly set my face,
Although I take a fly myself—
Who wouldn’t in my place?”

“I filled my coffers to the brim,
Through having inside knowledge,
And found myself at last enrolled,
Within the Heralds’ College.”

Sir Ten-Per-Cent with majesty
Hath ta’en him to the wings,
The stage required, as well he knows,
For men of lesser things.



The Judicial Knight.

And then in simple dignity,
Sir Blackstone wise, behold,
And as in silence deep they sat,
His story thus he told:—

“A village lawyer once was I,
Tea-meetings all attended,
And for a very modest fee,
The county rogues defended.”

“They sent me on to Parl’ament,
They couldn’t do much less,
And there I made a mighty hit,
I really must confess.”

“I backed the Premier ev’ry time,
When right, and more when wrong,
And so he quickly picked me out,
From ‘midst the common throng.”

“You well the Commons please,” said he,
“And so o’er crooks and thieves,
I give to you dominion,
As Lord of Common Pleas’.”

“A knighthood then was mine of right,
I took the acolade,
And so Sir Blackstone I arose,
From neath the shining blade.”



The Manufacturer Knight.

“I started on the lowest rung,
With constant hope to rise,
And for a chance to higher climb
Kept open both my eyes.”

"The fragrant weed I noted,—
How wide-spread was it's use,—
Made up my mind to turn to gold
It's smoke and luscious juice."

"Delicious plug to burn and chew
I made in mighty store,
With choice cigars and cigarettes,—
I flourished more and more."

"Quoth Queen Victoria 'So much smoke
Must surely mean much fire,
This man shall have a coat of arms,
To knight him I desire'."

"And so Sir Nicotine I am,
My fortune is a whacker,
No wonder I'm her loyal knight,
Because I chews to-bac-'er."

The Financial Knight.

"For many a year upon good bonds
I've always been a bull,
And so in course of time I found
My coffers very full."

"A country squire I then became,
My bulls to house and feed,
A big red barn, with silos too,
I built to meet their need."

"Now farming is the basic trade
Of this Canadian land—
Mark me a mighty yeoman grown,
To plough the loam and sand."

"They wished to honour farmers,
In common with the rest,
And so they urged a title—
I bowed to their request."

“Said they: ‘A herd of stocks you’ve raised,
On very little hay,
So just keep on a-wat’ring them,
Your’re sure to make it pay.’”

“For coat-of-arms I’ve taken on
A bull with rampart tail,
On verdant field, with gules of or,
And couchant water-pail.”



The Political Knight.

In ancient armour now we see,
It surely is a sight,
A politician high in place,
Who also is a knight.

“‘From turret to foundation stone’,
I am a Democrat,
‘The rank is but the guinea’s stamp’
Rab Burns was right in that.”

“But when knight-hood was offered me,—
Now show a little reason,—
To flout the kingly offer then,
Were surely like to treason.”

"And don't forget, there's Lady Z.,
A wife both good and true,
Who wanted to be Lady Z.,
So pray what could I do?"

"Don't bother with the 'Sir' to me,
I know it's not in favor,
And for a red-blood Democrat,
It hath too high a savor."

"Just call me Harry, Tom or Dick,
Or Cliff, or Bill or Sam,
All titles are, I'm quite sincere,
Not worth a tinker's dam."



(l'Envoi)

With that concluding sentiment,
The curtain down we ring,
The only title we uphold,
The title of our King.

