

A Canadian Peer.

The Right Hon. Sir Donald Alexander Smith, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, High Commissioner for Canada in London, who has recently given generously to such widely separated educational institutions as the Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum and McGill University at Montreal, was born, according to Morgan, at Archieston, Morayshire, Scotland, in 1820. He received his education at a local school, and sixty years ago, as a stripling of 18, entered the service of the Hudson Bay Company. He spent 13 years of his life on the Labrador coast, and was afterwards stationed in the Northwest. He rose step by step to be Chief Factor. Subsequently he was named Resident Governor and Chief Commissioner of the company in Canada, a position he still holds. As a public man he first came into prominence in connection with the Red River insurrection, 1869, being, in December of that year, appointed a special commissioner by the Dominion government to inquire into the circumstances connected with it. The tact, prudence and ability which he manifested in the discharge of the duties of this mission won the thanks of the governor-general in council. In the next year he was returned to the legislature of the newly-organized province of Manitoba for Winnipeg and St. John. He was also called to the Northwest Territorial Council, and was returned for Selkirk to the House of Commons. In 1874 he resigned his seat in the legislature, but remained in the Dominion House until 1880, when he was defeated at a bye-election. To summarize his parliamentary career, he re-entered the House of Commons in 1887 as member for Montreal West, scoring the enormous majority of 1,450, and in 1891 increased this majority to 3,706. In April, 1896, he retired from political life in Canada, taking the high commissionership. He was in March, 1896, one of the Dominion delegates to the Manitoba school question, and in November, 1896, he was a commissioner to the Pacific cable conference. His political career has been marked by a great deal of freedom from partyism. He began by supporting Sir Hugh John Macdonald, he went over to the Liberals in 1873; after 1878 he gave the new government an independent support, and he is a free trader in England and a protectionist in Canada. Before his interrupted parliamentary career recommenced Lord Strathcona laid the real foundation of his fame by his work in connection with the C. P. R. He, Lord Mountstephen and Mr. R. B. Angus formed the famous syndicate who assumed the work of pushing the transcontinental line to a finish; and abundant testimony has been paid to Lord Strathcona's part in the great work. Prior to this great enterprise he had become a heavy shareholder in the Bank of Montreal, and in 1882 became its vice-president. In 1887 he was elected president of it. He became Sir Donald Smith, G. C. M. G., in 1886, and in 1896 he was elevated to be a G. C. M. G. His Peerage dates from the Diamond Jubilee. His connection with McGill is well known; in 1889 he became its Chancellor, and his gifts to it aggregate about half a million. In 1887 he and Lord Mountstephen gave \$1,000,000 to build and endow the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, the sum being supplemented in 1896 with a grant of \$800,000 for maintenance. In all, his benefactions must run over a million and a half. His munificence in art matters is well known.—Ex.

The Modern Ship of War.

[Commodore Francis J. Higginson in the Independent.]

In a modern battleship the captain is condemned to imprisonment during action in a steel conning tower 10 inches thick and 6 feet 10 inches in diameter, compared with which the prison of the Man with the Iron Mask was a palace.

I tried the conning tower in the Massachusetts during the first bombardment of Santiago, but soon abandoned it for the bridge, finding it difficult to grasp all the varying conditions of the action from the narrow peepholes often blanketed in thick smoke. One did not feel really in touch with the action or with his own ship in such a position, and the movements of the men were controlled by an unseen spirit. Of course, when in close action with another ship and a hail-storm of rapid-fire and machine guns is falling upon your vessel, it would be unwise not to seek its shelter, but from great gun fire alone, I prefer to do as we did in the civil war, and to take my chances on the bridge in the open. Other commanding officers thought the same way, and at the bombardment of San Juan Capt. Taylor sat upon the bridge of the Indiana calmly smoking a cigar.

Today the majority of men in a battleship are shut up in a tight steel box in which are immense boilers heating the atmosphere to a stifling temperature and where they can only hear but cannot see. They work away in their floating dungeon, without any inspiring vision to lighten their labors.

It is related that during the destruction of Cervera's fleet, when there was a lull in the firing on board the Oregon, the chief engineer came up from the fire room and said to Capt. Clarke: "For God's sake, captain, fire another gun so as to keep up the spirits of my men." These devoted souls, far down in the depths of the ship, facing the fiery furnaces, knew only by the sounds of the guns of the battle raging above them, and the heavier the fire the harder they worked. In order to realize the exhausting condition under which men fight in a modern battleship it is only necessary to see them, when the hatches are opened after action, pour up from below, perspiring and half naked; to see with what relief they breathe the fresh air, and how eagerly they run to have a look at the oattery or ship which has been engaged. Modern science, with all its tremendous resources and increase of power, has not lightened the conditions under which men labor during action.

I doubt if blockade running can be successfully conducted since the introduction of searchlights, and certainly nothing could have got in or out of Santiago except in a fog. This was shown by the sinking of the Spanish cruiser Reina Mercedes in the channel of Santiago by the Massachusetts and Texas on the night of July 4. This vessel was seen the moment she entered the channel, and, with the aid of the searchlight, was sunk before she had proceeded a thousand yards. It is said she intended to place herself across the channel so as to prevent Sampson's fleet from entering, but under the fire of our guns she was prevented from doing this. It is singular that the two attempts to obstruct the channel at Santiago, one by ourselves with the Merrimac, and one by the Spanish with the Reina Mercedes, were both frustrated by the fire of the enemy's guns. If the first attempt had succeeded the operations would have been much prolonged, and in the latter case the army would have been

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In regard to the personnel, I think the crews of the ships of the present day are much superior in intelligence and morals to those of the civil war. Our apprentice system and schools of instruction for seamen at the Washington gun foundry, the torpedo station at Newport, and the gunnery course recently established, have given us petty officers of fine character and ability, who have raised the standard of intelligence in the navy far above that of the civil war.

Sailors get very much attached to their guns, and after a good shot will pat them affectionately and say, "Good boy." On board the Massachusetts the sailors christened the guns in the forward turret "Ben Butler" and John L. Sullivan," as representing the fighting qualities of that state.

A beautiful bronze statue of Victory, given to the battleship by the state of Massachusetts, was fastened on the forward turret between the two 13-inch guns, and before going into action she was freshly decorated with a coat of oil, making her flowing robes glisten in the sunlight. This Victory, guarded by John L. Sullivan on the right and Ben Butler on the left, the "Quick and the Dead," was certainly an edifying spectacle, calculated to strike terror into the heart of an enemy. During the war, however, Victory struck out more with her right than with her left, the record of shots fired showing for Sullivan 21 shots, and for Ben Butler 19.

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[From the New York Journal.]

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To Charles H. Melville, of Peel, in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, Farmer, and all others whom it may in anywise

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the Twenty-Seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, and recorded in the Carleton County Records in Book S, No. Three, on pages 668 and 670, and made between the said Charles H. Melville, of the one part, and John Fisher of Woodstock, in the County and Province aforesaid, and Williamson Fisher of the same place, executors of the last will and testament of John Fisher, late of said Woodstock, deceased, of the other part, there will, for the purpose of satisfying the money secured thereby, default having been made in the payment thereof, be sold at Auction in front of the law office of Hartley & Carvell, in the Town of Woodstock, in the County of Carleton, and Province of New Brunswick, on Monday, the Nineteenth day of December next, at the hour of Eleven of the clock in the forenoon, the lands and premises described in the said Indenture of Mortgage, as follows:—
"All that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying in the Parish of Peel, in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post standing on the western bank or shore of Cold Stream at the north east angle of Lot number nine granted to John Foster, thence running by the magnet west sixty-six chains, thence north thirty six degrees east, with a rectangular distance of thirteen chains, thence east ninety-one chains or to the western bank or shore of Cold Stream aforesaid, and thence along the same following the various courses thereof in a south westerly direction to the place of beginning, containing ninety-two acres more or less and distinguished as lot Letter B, western side of Cold Stream, and granted by the Crown to one Thomas Burlock on the third day of December, A. D. 1889, and numbered 21885, and by said Thomas Burlock conveyed to the said Charles H. Melville by Indenture dated the thirteenth day of this present month of June," together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining.
Dated this Fifth Day of November, A. D. 1898.
J. H. FISHER,
W. FISHER,
Executors of the Last Will and Testament of John Fisher, late of Woodstock, deceased, Mortgagees,
HARTLEY & CARVELL,
Solicitors for Mortgagees.

Notice of Sale.

To Alonzo Cronkhite of the parish of Wicklow, in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, Farmer, and Mary J., his wife, and all others whom it may in anywise concern.

NOTICE is hereby given that under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Two, and recorded in the Carleton County Records in Book Z, Number 2, on pages 132, 133 and 134, and made between the said Alonzo Cronkhite and Mary J., his wife, of the one part; and George Leonard Cronkhite, of the same place, of the other part; there will, for the purpose of satisfying the money secured thereby, default having been made in the payment thereof, be sold at Public Auction in front of the Law Office of Hartley & Carvell in the Town of Woodstock in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, on Monday, the twenty-third day of January next, at the hour of eleven of the clock in the forenoon, the lands and premises described in the said Indenture of Mortgage as follows:—
"All that farm of land situate and being in the above said Parish of Wicklow, and bounded as follows, to wit:—Beginning at the North Easterly angle of Lot Number Sixteen in the fifth tier, granted to Samuel H. Cronkhite; thence running by the magnet of the year 1832 West, sixty-seven chains along the Northern line of said grant to the Northwesterly angle thereof; thence North fifteen chains; thence East sixty-seven chains, and thence South fifteen chains to the place of beginning, containing one hundred acres more or less, distinguished as the Southern two-thirds of lot number fifteen in the fifth tier; and being the same land granted by the Crown to the aforesaid George Leonard Cronkhite, Esq., by grant dated the 3rd day of April A. D. 1860, and registered in Fredericton the fourth day of said month under number 3538, and by the said Geo. L. Cronkhite and wife, conveyed to the first said Alonzo Cronkhite at the date of these presents."
Together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon, and the appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining.
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