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## SIR GEORGE FOSTER WANTS TO BE HIGH COMMISSIONER

Some Interesting Political Gossip from the Cabinet—The Job  
Offered Sir Douglas Hazen Did Not Suit Him—New Brun-  
swick Vacancy Not Worrying the Premier—Mr. Baxter as  
a Cabinet Possibility.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The present at-  
tempts at reconstruction of the Do-  
minion Cabinet being made by Sir  
Robert Borden are of interest to the  
business men of Canada, for the old  
fight between the desire for efficiency  
and the necessity of discharging po-  
litical obligations is still being waged.

Some very wild guesses are always  
being made when cabinet reconstruc-  
tion is in the air, because in cabinet  
making, "many are called, but few  
are chosen." Likely candidates come  
to Ottawa for the "once over." Some-  
times they do not suit the job; and

sometimes, as it appears to have hap-  
pened recently in the case of Sir Doug-  
las Hazen, the job does not suit them.  
During the past week there have been  
a half-a-dozen men here from New  
Brunswick, who undoubtedly were  
canvassed to some extent, for the  
vacant cabinet position from that pro-  
vince; and Mr. Wignmore, M. P. who  
appears to be willing to lead any  
number of candidates up to the bar-  
rier without being an applicant him-  
self, has promised that "there will be  
something doing very shortly."

It is not the New Brunswick vacan-  
cy, however, which is causing Sir  
Robert Borden most worry. It is not  
unlikely that he will settle the matter  
eventually by appointing General  
Maclean to the cabinet, without port-  
folio—which will bring over the dif-  
ficulty for the time being but not  
satisfy New Brunswick. His biggest  
worry is how he is to place Sir George  
Foster. It is Sir George who is now  
standing in the way of a very fair  
measure of reconstruction. If he were  
placed where he could do no harm—  
not, it may be noted, where he wants  
to go, to London—it is more than pro-  
bable that Lloyd Harris would sacri-  
fice his personal inclinations—which  
are for retirement to his own business  
and enter the Government. But he will  
not accept the position of Minister of  
Trade and Commerce here if he is to  
be hampered at the other end by the  
appointment of Sir George Foster.

### Why Not the Senate

Under such circumstances it seems  
a pity that some pressure cannot be  
brought to bear on Sir George to re-  
cognize the fact that his day is done  
as an active politician or Govern-  
ment official. If he could be induced to  
step aside and accept a Senatorship or  
some other position suited to his age

there would seem to be a good chance  
to put into the Department of Trade  
and Commerce and the High Com-  
missionership in London, some of the  
men which it has so long notably  
lacked. The Premier is now torn be-  
tween the desire to secure efficiency  
and not to offend an old friend and  
great Canadian statesman. It begins  
to look as though a mistake had been  
made when Sir George was shunted  
from Finance, which he expected, to  
the Department of Trade and Com-  
merce. He was much more able to  
handle the former portfolio than the  
latter.

It was thought that Sir Robert  
Borden accomplished a remarkable  
political feat when he formed Union  
Government; but it begins to look as  
though he had an even more difficult  
one now before him. It is not often  
that we see men running away from  
cabinet positions; but it is something  
of the kind that is going on now. The  
fact is that nearly every one believes  
that the Government is doomed and  
no one cares to risk whatever political  
future he may have with a lost cause.  
It is for that reason that practically  
every name mentioned now in con-  
nection with cabinet reconstruction  
is that of a man of whom the public  
has heard little or nothing or has  
heard too much. The latest possibility  
who came to Ottawa to be looked over  
was J. B. M. Baxter of New Brunswick  
who is best known from his connec-  
tion with what is known as "the potato  
scandal" in New Brunswick, one of  
the things which helped to bring about  
the downfall of the late Conservative  
administration there.

### Resignation Possible

It would not be very surprising if  
Sir Robert Borden should solve his  
difficulties before long by resigning  
and handing the assets over to the  
Hon. Arthur Meighen to make what  
he can of them. In that case, Mr.  
Meighen would probably do the wisest  
possible thing by declaring Union  
Government at an end, and forming a  
straight Conservative administration.  
With the exception of Sir Robert Bor-  
den himself no one seems anxious to  
see Union Government prolonged. It  
might be better all round if the parties  
would get back to their old alignment  
and that we should have a stable Con-  
servative administration formed which  
could get on with the work of the  
country. Business is now suffering  
from politics. Unless this is done soon  
the road is open for further chaos.

Canadians who have any doubt of  
the future commercial greatness of  
their country, receive no sympathy  
from Lloyd Harris. To talk with him  
is to be convinced that all we require  
to secure a big share of the world's  
commerce in the future, is to have a  
little confidence in ourselves. With  
such a man at the head of the De-  
partment of Trade and Commerce the  
"future" which we have been talking  
about so long would have a fair chance  
of being realized. It will be a pity if  
this chance is thrown away.

## FALSE JEWELS GREATLY ANNOY BURGLARS

(New York Sun)

Pearls and diamonds are being  
bought in glorious profusion by peo-  
ple who care for that sort of thing,  
and who have a little money put by  
for a rainy day, and the unthinking  
person might at once decide that this  
is a cheerful season for burglars and  
their relatives and friends. But "High  
stepping George," one of the best pearl  
experts and snatchers extant, testifies  
that it's no such thing. "Honest," he  
says, "business is fierce these days.  
It's so bad that I had to let my chauff-  
eur go, and run the car myself."

"Listen! I attribute it all to the fact  
that the world is growing worse every  
day. You can't trust people any more.  
Ten years ago you could arrange a  
little job for taking a lady's pearls and  
if you didn't trip over the bear rug you  
could be sure of a good return for your  
night's work. But now you can't de-  
pend on the finest lady, nor get  
neither for having the real thing in the  
way of jewels."

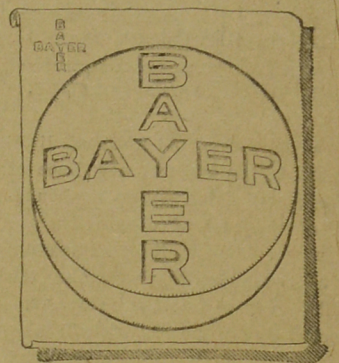
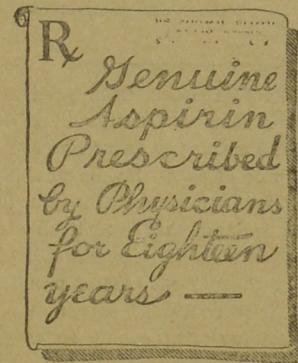
"Take the thing that happened the  
other day to a friend of mine. He pick-  
ed out a wealthy man with as hand-  
some a set of pearl dress studs as you  
could want to see and he relieved him  
of the jewels and brought them down  
to me. Say I was fooled for a minute  
but then I saw that they were imita-  
tions."

"So I said to my friend: 'Just take  
them right back and put them on the  
chiffonier where you found them. It  
wouldn't do to let our clientele think  
we could have it put over on us like  
that. We got to keep up our self-  
esteem and morale.'"

"A lady's maid told me the other  
day that she had the same shameful  
thing happen to her right in one of  
the most famous families where you'd  
think they'd be too good to wear vul-

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## Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

By Idah McGlone Gibson

THE LAND OF BEGINNING AGAIN.

It was the first time I had really had a chance to see him since I  
had come to the hospital and I was struck by the change in him.

The events of the last few months have done for Theo what his  
brief participation in the great war failed to do for him. They have  
taken from him much of his old irresponsibility—even his smile has  
changed. It is not quite as ready to show itself but as he looked at  
me from the far side of the room it seemed to me that his smile was  
sweeter, even if sad. Theo said nothing but came quickly over and  
knelt beside my bed. His hand strayed up until his arm rested across  
Baby and me.

Then all the flood gates of emotion in him broke.

For the second time in my life I saw my husband weep—not with  
the terrible sobs that came when he was in the great trouble at Wash-  
ington, but with a great sadness tempered with resignation to the  
inevitable.

Slowly my eyes travelled over two heads lying close to my heart.  
For Theo, too, had laid his head on my breast like a sorrowing child.  
I did not say a word, for I thought the healing touch of nearness to  
wife and child would be a greater consolation than any words.

Theo lifted his head. "Dad paid the price and made restitution for  
all his mistakes and sins Margot. Some way I cannot think that even  
the great sin that brought me into the world was wholly a grief to  
anyone but himself."

I raised his face and bent down to kiss him. Dear, I said there is  
no evil in the world that some good does not come of it.

And Theo with a ghost of a return of his usual high spirits, re-  
plied: We are going to set a mighty good example to this youngster  
Margot. Tomorrow I will take you both home and—

Where is home Theo? I interrupted.

Why didn't I tell you that Dad left us the home? The Major and  
Eliene will probably travel for some time and then perhaps settle  
down near us.

And Robert? I asked. What are you saying about Robert? asked  
a voice and we both looked up to see Robert in the doorway.

We were just wondering if you would care to live in your old rooms  
at our house until you have a home of your own, Budge I said quick-  
ly and Theo gratefully squeezed my hand.

That I would. Said Robert heartily but I hope to have that home  
soon he added with a knowing smile as he went out the door and left  
us together.

Dear heart, said Theo softly, did you know that the lightning had  
struck your Whispering Tree and felled it to the ground?

I could not answer for a moment. I felt as though I had lost  
someone very near and dear to me.

He reached his face up to mine again and with his mouth close to  
my ear he said. Let us take it for a omen dear. The old life is dead  
for you and me and we have begun anew. It will probably have storms  
and upheavals just as the other had, but Margot you must know that  
no one can be to me what you have been—what you are. You stood  
by me when those who knew me best suspected me.

Margot we are going to work out our destiny together and please  
try and think that while I live I shall be a good husband to you. You  
believe this dearest? he questioned as I said nothing.

Yes dear, I answered smiling. Some men make good husbands; I  
see no reason at the present moment why you should be one of the ex-  
ceptions.

Margot surely I shall be no exception. For if some men make good  
husbands more good husbands are made by good wives.

As Theo spoke he leaned over and kissed me tenderly. Still kneel-  
ing almost reverently at my bedside Theo gazed long and searchingly  
into my eyes. He seemed to be reading my very soul. And my answer-  
ing gaze saw a new Theo—a Theo reformed in the furnace of reality  
and responsibility, while the old, careless thoughtless, philandering  
Theo was a hazy phantom of other days.

Long and silently Theo and I gazed thus at each other. Finally the  
spell was broken by a movement of the little form at my side. In-  
voluntarily Theo's eyes and mine turned to the little fuzzy head of  
our child. Neither spoke for both of us were too shaken by emotion.  
In silence we gazed and our minds seemed to leap out across limit-  
less space to Him who alone knows the unfathomable mystery of Life.

Again Theo's eyes sought mine. And with a smile that seemed  
truly inspired he looked earnestly and devotedly upon me. And though  
no word was spoken, we both realized that at last we were in The  
Land of Beginning Again.

THE END.

gar imitations. She was able to find a the burglar alarm companies were our  
grand pearl necklace which didn't only natural enemies, but now we are  
seem to be busy that evening, and she being forced to the wall by these mak-  
ers of imitation pearls. At our next  
only to find that it was bogus. She annual convention we expect to ap-  
point a committee to look after our  
interests. No Sir! Business ethics  
aren't what they was," concluded  
George, stepping into his Rolls-Royce.

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