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## LATE SIR LEWIS JETTE HAD A BRILLIANT CAREER

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Feated Sir George E. Cartier in Montreal East—Entertained

A Close Friend of the Late Sir Wilfrid Laurier—Once De-  
Was Chief Justice of Quebec and Also Lieutenant Governor—

(Toronto Saturday Night)

Though his career was largely confined to his native province the late Sir Louis Jette, Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench of the Province of Quebec was more widely known than the majority of Canadians, and few of his contemporaries had come in contact with so many distinguished men. He himself was a man of rare personal distinction, literary tastes and very high legal standing. He was born at L'Assomption in 1836, and commenced the practice of law at the Montreal bar in 1857. Early in life he became identified with the Liberal or "Rouge" party of which Sir Wilfrid Laurier was destined to become the most distinguished exemplar, and first came into prominence in connection with the celebrated Guibord case, which caused violent controversy

throughout Canada fifty years ago.

The circumstances surrounding that famous litigation were these. The Roman Catholic Church in Quebec had placed a ban on a society known as the Institut Canadien because of its radical and supposedly irreligious tendencies, and finally went to the length of denying the last rites of the Church and Christian burial to any member of the society. In 1860 there died a Montreal printer named Joseph Guibord who had maintained his connection with the Institut, and the question of the disposal of his remains became a serious problem. His relatives took legal action to compel the authorities of his parish to accept the remains for burial in consecrated ground. The hierarchy stood on the strict letter of its supposed rights, and the case after an enormous am-

ount of conflicting decisions and many distressing incidents finally reached the Privy Council in 1870. The result was a compromise, the law lords deciding that while the Church must permit the burial of Guibord's body in consecrated ground, it was not compelled to celebrate a requiem mass. Bishop Bourget obeyed the decision but issued an edict to all intents and purpose deconsecrating the burial plot and there the matter rested. Before the Privy Council the young advocate Jette, representing the Quebec Government which had refused to countenance the full prerogative of the Church in matters of this kind made an address which won him fame throughout Canada.

### Defeated Cartier

The immediate result of his new prestige was that in 1872 he defeated the great French Liberal-Conservative leader, Sir George Etienne Cartier for the House of Commons in the riding of Montreal East. It is said that Cartier never recovered from this unexpected blow, although the Conservatives of Toronto, in recognition of his services in bringing Quebec into Confederation immediately found a seat for him in West York, an Orange stamping ground. Jette sat in the Commons until '87 and in that year refused the portfolio of Justice in the Mackenzie administration but accepted a judgeship three weeks before the historic defeat of the Liberals in September of that year. Ever since he held high judicial or gubernatorial offices in Quebec. In 1893 Sir Wilfrid Laurier beset by various claimants for the vacant office of Lieutenant-Governor induced him to retire from the bench and accept that post, where he remained for ten years (two terms), returning to the bench early in 1909 as Chief Justice of King's Bench.

### At Spencerwood

The decade during which Sir Louis and Lady Jette, a gifted literary woman, presided at "Spencerwood," the historic home of the Governors of Quebec, were the most brilliant socially in the history of the ancient capital. A famous episode was the inauguration of the Royal tour, in 1901, of the present King and Queen, then Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. They brought with them the Duke of Roxburghe, Prince Alexander of Hesse (now Earl of Athlone), the late Earl of Erne (then Viscount

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Crichton), Sir Derek Keppel, Sir Charles Cust and other prominent members of the Royal household. Again in 1908 the present King, then Prince of Wales came to Quebec for the celebration of the Tercentenary of the founding of the city by Champlain and the guests at Spencerwood included a great number of notables, including the Duke of Norfolk as senior Catholic peer, Lord Roberts, Sir Reginald Pole-Carew, the Earl of Dudley, Governor-General of Australia, the Earl of Ranfurly, Governor of New Zealand, Chief Justice Sir J. H. De Villiers of South Africa, Lord Bruce, son of the Earl of Elgin; Mr. George Wolfe, a descendant of General Sir James Wolfe; Viscount Falkmouth, Lord Lovat, Admiral Sir A. G. Curzon-Howe, Rear-Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, Sir Arthur Bigge, and many others. From France came four official representatives, M. Louis Herbet and M. de Loynes, M. Brandellis, Maitre de Brouage, Champlain's birthplace; Vice-Admiral Jeurguiberry and several descendants of the old French signorial families, Count Bernard de Montcalm, the Marquis de Levis and the Marquis de Levis-Mirepoix. President Roosevelt sent as his personal representative the late Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks, Vice-President with several other distinguished men.

It is safe to say that never before did a Canadian host do honors at one time to so many famous and distinguished men as in the summer of 1908. During his tenure of office Sir Louis also entertained Prince Fushimi of Japan and Prince Arthur of Connaught, and abroad he was received in audience by King Edward VII. and Pope Pius X.

### Alaskan Boundary

At Paris in 1903 as one of the British Commissioners in connection with the Alaskan Boundary arbitration he sat with Lord Alverstone, and came in contact with a great array of international lawyers from both sides of the Atlantic. His knighthood, a K. C. M. G. was conferred on him in connection with the Royal tour of 1901.

An interesting episode illustrating his chivalrous character occurred at the Tercentenary celebration of Mass on the Plains of Abraham. In issuing invitations Archbishop (now Cardinal) Begin deliberately ignored the French Commissioner Louis Herbet on the ground that he was a leader of the anti-clerical party in France, the Monsignor having a short while previously given sanctuary to many friars who had been expelled from France. Sir Louis took the ground that an affront to his guest, on whatever grounds was an affront to himself and refused to attend the Mass which was celebrated without the gubernatorial presence. After Herbet's return to France Sir Louis was awarded the decoration of the Legion of Honor.

Lucille Younge has been engaged by William Fox as leading woman for Tom Mix in "The Untamed," the Max Brand story.

Jack Pickford had a narrow escape while playing the part of the Llano Kid in his latest picture, "The Double Dyed Deceiver." He was to jump from the top of a wagon to the ground. The horses became frightened and started sooner than was expected. Jack was thrown from his perch under the hoofs of the horses. Had it not been for the quick work of his director, Al Green, who pulled him out from under he might have been badly injured.

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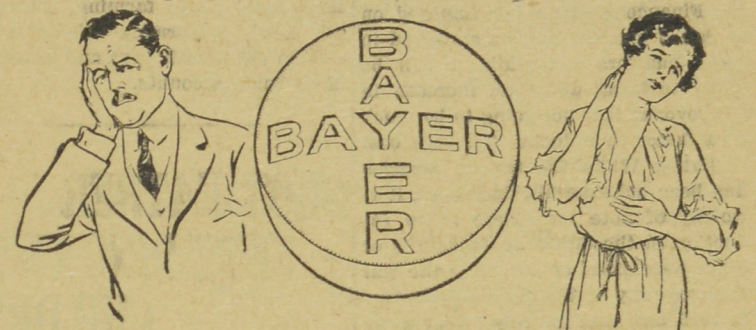
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## MOVEMENTS OF THE STARS IN FILMLAND

Lights and Shades of the Army.

While filming scenes for "Civilian Clothes" at Camp Meade, Md., Hugh Ford, the Paramount-Arterait director made use of a recently perfected army searchlight of 62,000,000 candle power, throwing a ray of light twenty miles and originally designed to pick off aeroplanes and Zeppelins.

Marion Davies Ends Vacation.

Marion Davies, after a vacation of two weeks, expects to start work in the International Studios next week on a new production, the name of which has not yet been decided on, but which is thought to be E. Britten Austin's "Buried Treasure." Norman Kerry will act as Miss Davies's leading man.

Beatrice La Plante Injured.

Beatrice La Plante, Pathe's newly discovered comedienne, was quite seriously injured while doing a rope stunt

for the latest of a series of one-reel comedies which she is making under the direction of Melville Brown. The story, which Mr. Brown wrote as well as directed, required that the tiny actress swing from the lofty rafters of a barn at the end of a rope. A slip occurred and Miss La Plante was severely hurt. She is recovering nicely.

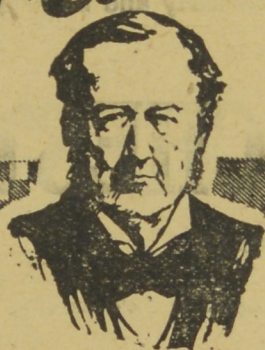
Bessie McCoy the actress widow of Richard Harding Davis, has been signed by William Fox to star in a series of pictures.

Blanche Sweet and her director, Henry King, scored a big coup at Coronado Beach Calif., when they persuaded a large number of the fashionable guests of the big hostelry to take part in the hotel and beach scenes which the company visited Coronado to secure.

In these days of "screen divorces" it is interesting to note that Frank Brownlee, who supports William Russell, the Fox star in "Big Jim O'Kane" has just celebrated his silver wedding anniversary—without as he says, having been separated from his wife a single day.

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