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A VETERAN STATESMAN

Sir Charles Tupper, the last surviving father of Confederation, celebrated his ninetieth birthday on July second, he having been born at Amherst N.S., in 1821. Sir Charles, who has made his home in the old country since his retirement from public life in 1900, is still hale and hearty and takes a keen interest in political affairs, both in Canada and in England. The veteran knight has the best wishes of all Canadians, irrespective of party, and all sincerely join in the wish that in the ease and quietness that has come to him after a long and very strenuous political career, he may live to round out the century.

It is fifty-six years since Sir Charles entered public life, he having been elected to the Nova Scotia legislature for the County of Cumberland in 1855, defeating such a formidable opponent as Hon. Joseph Howe. Soon after entering the House of Assembly he was appointed provincial secretary which office he held until confederation. His greatest administrative act was the free school law which he fathered and succeeded in putting through the legislature. There was a strong feeling in the sister province against confederation upon the terms proposed, and this feeling manifested itself in the general election in 1867, when Sir Charles, (then Dr. Tupper), was the only Conservative candidate for the House of Commons, who secured his election. He stood for Cumberland and his opponent was Hon. William Annand, a non-resident whom he defeated by the narrow majority of eighty-seven votes.

Sir Charles took office in the first Dominion cabinet and held his portfolio until 1873, when the administration was hurled from power on account of the Pacific scandal. Sir John A. Macdonald led the opposition to the Liberal administration which came into power in that year, and had a very able lieutenant in Sir Charles Tupper. The Liberal administration suffered defeat at the polls in 1878 on the so-called National Policy, and Sir Charles was offered and accepted a portfolio in the Conservative cabinet, formed in that year. In 1884 he resigned his portfolio and accepted the important office of Canadian High Commissioner to England. Ill health was given as the reason for his resignation but in 1887, when a general election was called, he had recovered sufficiently to enable him to return to Canada and accept the office of minister of finance in the Macdonald administration. He stood for his old constituency of Cumberland and was returned by a large majority over the late Hon. W. T. Piper. Seeing the Conservative administration safely entrenched in power for another term, Sir Charles resigned soon after the election and resumed his duties as high commissioner at the court of St. James. Being then well advanced in years he might well have been permitted to retire from the turmoil of politics, but Sir John A. Macdonald thought differently. He placed a high appreciation on the services of the "old war horse of Cumberland," and when a general election was called in 1891, Sir Charles was summoned home to "doctor the government" as a celebrated cartoonist expressed it at the time. He did not contest a constituency, but spent his time stumping the Maritime Provinces in opposition to the campaign of unrestricted reciprocity then being vigorously waged by the Liberals. During this campaign it was stated by the Liberal press that Sir Charles had himself on one occasion made an offer of unrestricted reciprocity to

the United States. He denied the mild impeachment but admitted having made to the United States "an unrestricted offer of reciprocity." The Conservatives won the election of 1891, but by a greatly reduced majority. In Ontario and Quebec the parties broke even and it was in the smaller provinces where the loyalty cry was worked to the limit that the government majority was obtained. The election over, Sir Charles packed his portmanteau and returned to London to resume his duties as high commissioner.

The old Tory ship of state, with Sir Mackenzie Bowell at its head (Sir John having passed away in 1891) ran afoul of breakers in the spring of 1896 and again Sir Charles was sent for to try and doctor things up. There had been a mutiny among the cabinet crew, and things looked black for Toryism when Sir Charles reached Ottawa in response to an urgent summons. He supplanted Sir Mackenzie Bowell as premier and undertook to steer the barnacle and waterlogged old craft through another general election. The task was too great, however, even for such an astute political veteran as Sir Charles, and his administration went down to well-deserved defeat.

Sir Charles was appointed leader of the opposition to the government formed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and remained in harness until the general election of 1900, when his party was overwhelmingly defeated and Sir Charles, who had been elected in Cape Breton four years previously, suffered his first personal defeat at the polls. This gave him his opportunity to retire from politics and he took advantage of it by handing over the reins of leadership to Mr. R. L. Borden, who is still holding down the job and is the right man in the right place.

Sir Charles Tupper's great ability as a public man was never called in question by his opponents. During his long political career he gave no quarter and asked for none. An eloquent and forcible speaker, possessed of bull-dog courage, he was a force to be reckoned with during a political campaign as the Liberals found out to their cost in many a hard fought battle. He was always ready to discuss public questions with an opponent and his gladiatorial combats with the late Hon. A. G. Jones of Halifax during the latter's palmy days, were outstanding features of every Dominion election in Nova Scotia. It is doubtful if any public man in Canada has had such a strenuous political career as Sir Charles Tupper. His opponents fought him tooth and nail every opportunity and intense bitterness on both sides characterized all his political campaigns. Such mild terms as "the great stretcher," "the high priest of corruption," and "the prince of political cracksmen," were frequently applied to Sir Charles, but did not seem to ruffle him in the least. He played the game of politics, and played it to perfection. Party feeling in Canada today so far as he is concerned, is forgotten. He is looked upon as a forceful and talented man who for a long period of years filled a large place in the politics of this country and he has few equals and no superiors among colonial statesmen of the present day.

Mr. O. S. Crockett, M.P., is not very favored by the elements in his campaign against reciprocity. He spoke at Millville on Monday, and according to the local Tory organ, "it was one of the wildest nights experienced in that section in recent years." It takes more than a thunder storm to stop Mr. Crockett when he gets started on one of his justly celebrated Marathon speeches.

The late Rev. Dean Partridge, in referring to the Fredericton Cathedral in a sermon a short time before his death, made the statement that "it was the first cathedral foundation built on English soil since the Norman conquest and the first cathedral built since the reformation."

A meeting of the Hazen government is to be held here tomorrow. A referee has not yet been chosen.

SHIELDS-SANDWELL

London, July 4—The Rev. R. J. Campbell, pastor of the City Temple officiated today at the marriage of Miss Vera Sandwell, daughter of Rev. G. Henry Sandwell, formerly of Toronto and Mr. Ernest Thields, a London bank manager. The wedding took place in the Congregational Church in Grosvenor Square.

LORD STRATHCONA'S RETIREMENT ANNOUNCED

London, July 3—The Dominion Day banquet at the Imperial Institute was the most brilliant in many years. Lord Strathcona presided, and over five hundred attended. The notable features were the announcement by Sir Wilfrid Laurier of the impending retirement of Lord Strathcona and a speech by the Duke of Connaught on Canada. At the chairman's table were the Duke of Connaught, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Westminster, Hon. Mr. Brodeur, Sir Joseph Ward, the German ambassador, Sir Frederick Borden, the Earl of Minto, Premier Morris of Newfoundland, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, the Lord Chief Justice, Dr. Beldand, M. P., the Netherlands minister, Sir C. Macdonald, the Lord Mayor, Mr. Guthrie, M. P., A. W. Smithers, Hon. G. E. Foster.

THE DUKE AND CANADA

"The Royal Family" toast was proposed by Sir Frederick Borden. On rising to respond, the Duke of Connaught was received with repeated rounds of cheers and the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." He expressed himself as deeply touched by the warmth of the reception. He said that Queen Mother Alexandra shared his late brother's deep affection for Canada and the present Queen bore the liveliest and pleasantest memories of her visit. The Prince of Wales was only a boy, said the Duke, "yet from what I know of him, I believe he will walk in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. I am certain it is the wish of the present sovereign that the Prince should make himself acquainted with all parts of the Empire. I hope it may fall to my good lot as Governor-General of Canada to receive him there."

The Duke then alluded to his own precious connection with Canada. "I had the honor of serving with the troops there forty-one years ago, and also had the pleasure of passing through it twenty-one years back on returning from Egypt. It is no idle expression of mine when I say that for years I have held the strongest affection for the Canadian people."

"I know that I shall hardly know the country again, but I can tell you how keenly I look forward to making a closer acquaintance with the Canada of the present day. Probably in this great Empire there are few more important positions than Gov-

ern-General of Canada. It was the wish of my dear brother that I should become Governor-General, and I am happy to think that our present sovereign has been able to spare me from England to undertake the great duties of the position. Not only I, but the Duchess herself, looks forward with the greatest pleasure to a sojourn amongst you."

SIR WILFRID'S MESSAGE

The toast of "The Dominion" was proposed by Lord Strathcona, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier received loud cheers on responding. He said: "This gathering will consider the occasion still more memorable when I tell them that probably this is the last time the annual banquet will be presided over by the noble lord who for fifteen years has filled the position of Canada's High Commissioner with so much acceptance to the government and people. Lord Strathcona has given notice that his advancing years and the orders of his physician compel him at an early date to relinquish the position. You will all agree that no words of mine can adequately convey the sense of gratitude the Canadian people owe to Lord Strathcona for the manner in which he has discharged the duties imposed upon him. When the time comes for him to leave of his duties everyone will say that his like we shall never see again."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier then proceeded to make a grateful allusion to the coming of the Duke of Connaught.

He remarked anent the occasion of the gathering: "After forty-four years' experience of Canadian federation, I am not speaking too much when I say that we are forty-four times prouder of our country."

"The great republic which shares with us the northern portion of the American continent celebrates its national birthday on the 4th of July, and we celebrate ours on the 1st. But the parallel goes no further. The Americans celebrate the day they cast aside the authority of the King, while we Canadians celebrate the day when the British parliament gave us our charter, liberty and freedom. What magic is there in the British Crown? There is none but the magic that wherever the supremacy of the Crown exists there is found liberty, justice and equality of race."

A brilliant reception followed the banquet, at which over a thousand guests attended.

THE STOCK MARKET TODAY HAS A BEARISH TONE

New York, July 5.—Stocks were active this morning but the sentiment of the market was decidedly bearish due to unfavorable reports on the corn crops. C.P.R., Union Pacific, Steel and Reading were off from one to three points.

Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange

Open Noon	
Amalgamated,	67½
Atchafalca,	111
Smelters,	78½
Brooklyn,	80½
Canadian Pacific,	236
Great Northern, pfd.,	135
Northern Pacific,	132½
Pennsylvania,	124
Reading,	158½
Southern Pacific,	121½
Union Pacific,	185½
Virginia Chemical,	55½

MONTREAL MORNING SALES.

Bank of Commerce, 29 @ 205½, 31 @ 205½.
Bank of Montreal, 20 @ 261.
Royal Bank, 4 @ 229.
Quebec Bank, 3 @ 136.
Rio, 350 @ 110½, 0 @ 110½, 150 @ 111.
Detroit, 50 @ 72½.
Scotia, 100 @ 99.
Illinois, 1 @ 99½.
Black Lake, 50 @ 10.
R. & O., 25 @ 119½, 10 @ 119.
Ogilvie's, 5 @ 129½.
Cement, com., 25 @ 22½.

SALE OF WINANS STABLE

London, July 5—Lovers and breeders of fine horses are displaying a lively interest in the dispersal sale at the Walter Winans stable which is announced to take place tomorrow at Tattersalls. Mr. Winans, who is an American by birth but a resident of England for many years, has been one of the foremost breeders and exhibitors of show horses on this side of the Atlantic since the early '80s. His horses won many ribbons at the recent international show at Olympia and at the several similar shows in previous years. Despite his success as an exhibitor, however, it is understood to be his intention to abandon the show ring and devote his entire attention in future to his racing stable.

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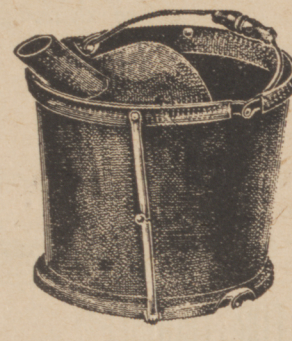
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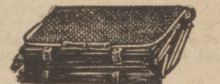
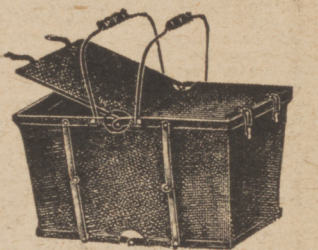
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