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A DISTINGUISHED CANADIAN.

Canadians will be interested in the rumor that comes from England that Sir Gilbert Parker, M. P., the eminent Canadian author, may succeed Sir Alfred Milner as governor general of South Africa. There may be nothing in the report, yet those who have followed the remarkable career of the clever young Canadian, who have read with such a relish his attractive works of fiction, depicting in many instances the romantic history of Quebec and the northwest, will hope that further honors await him in the field of politics. Perhaps the day may even come when Sir Gilbert will return to Canada as our governor general. Stranger things have happened.

From modest parentage and the duties of a country school teacher in a few short years to a leading place in Canadian literature, a seat in parliament, and knighthood, is quite a leap, and that Sir Gilbert has accomplished.

His father, who was a non-commissioned officer in the British army, and was stationed in Quebec, intended Sir Gilbert for the church, and he actually did prepare himself for that profession, but he drifted into journalism in Australia and it was but a short cut thence to his higher literary career which has earned for him a conspicuous place among the great writers of the present time.

Sir Gilbert is but 45 years old, yet he has turned out a heavy grist from his literary mill, and his "Pierre and his people," "The Trespasser," "Seats of the Mighty," "The Right of Way," "The Battle of the Strong," "The Trail of the Sword," and scores of other works from his hand are read with pleasure and avidity the world over.

AN ABSURD COMPLAINT.

During a discussion on the estimates in Parliament last week, Dr. Stockton of St. John, complained of the lack of government expenditures for harbor and terminal facilities in St. John, and proceeded to make a case against the present government.

The Doctor forgot, perhaps purposely, the hundreds of thousands of dollars expended in St. John by Mr. Blair, while minister of railways. A grain elevator, the extension of the I. C. R. tracks, and wharves were provided by Mr. Blair, and it was one of the annual complaints of western Tory members that Mr. Blair was making an unwarranted expenditure in St. John, Mr. Haggart leading in the denunciation of the government and the minister of railway for their liberality towards St. John.

Dr. Stockton was tripped up in his complaint by Mr. Hyman, acting minister of public works, and tried to get out of it by declaring that the St. John improvements were not for the western export trade.

Perhaps Dr. Stockton will be good enough to point out what the Tory government ever did for St. John, how much of the export trade is due to their initiative, to their generous expenditure of public money. It would not take him long, not nearly so long as would be necessary for him to explain why and how he developed into an ardent Tory after many years reviling of his present political associates. What a smile would pass around parliament were Dr. Stockton to explain that his present political attitude is due to an alleged violation of the glorious principal of "local responsible self government."

MR. FOWLER'S RECOMMENDATION.

The other day when some forty Tory members of Parliament accompanied Mr. Borden to Richmond, the shire town of Carleton county, Ontario, to see their leader elected by acclamation, one of the speakers at the jollification was Mr. Geo. W. Fowler, M. P. for Kings, N. B. Carleton is a strong Orange constituency and the chairman at the nomination

proceedings, evidently, of that faith, did not introduce Mr. Fowler as an eminent New Brunswick, or a leading light in the Tory party, but as a P. G. M. in his native province, a title which, he observed, the men of Carleton, would understand.

Mr. Bergeron, M. P., who is not an Orangeman, nor a Protestant, however gave the initials after Mr. Fowler's name an entirely different interpretation. "P. G. M." quoth Mr. Bergeron "means pretty good man," and the chairman did not contradict.

Carleton is a safe Tory hive, and it is probable Mr. Borden will continue to represent that constituency after his unhappy experience in Halifax. In Ontario the Orange Association is very closely allied to the Tory party, and Carleton is one of the strongest Orange counties in the province.

It is rather a remarkable fact that the two leading men in the Opposition at Ottawa have been turned down by their home constituencies and were compelled to seek seats in Ontario. Mr. Foster by nearly 1,000 majority and Mr. Borden met defeat in Halifax by almost half that number of votes against him.

WHITNEY'S TROUBLES.

There are many heartburnings and severe disappointments in Ontario Conservative circles since the announcement of the personnel of Mr. Whitney's cabinet. The great majority of these of course do not reach the public ear, but two instances are given in the press. The Ottawa Citizen, Tory organ at the capital, cannot understand why Dr. Reaume was given the important portfolio of public works to the exclusion of more competent and deserving men, and Mr. Crawford, member for West Toronto, in an interview complains because he was passed over in the distribution of cabinet favors. Mr. Crawford and his friends expected that he would be minister of agriculture, but he says he was not even consulted by Mr. Whitney in the formation of his cabinet. The new premier may find difficulty in his wealth of cabinet timber and in his large majority in the legislature. Of course he could not satisfy everybody and criticisms of his selections are gathering in volume and force.

The lot of even the successful politician is not a happy one, and probably ex-Premier Ross will find more comfort in leading his little band of oppositionists in the Ontario house than will Mr. Whitney with his difficulties in reconciling the elements of his abnormally large following.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION.

A few years ago all branches of the Presbyterian churches in Canada were united under one governing body—the General Assembly—and recently a similar consummation has been effected among the various Presbyterian bodies in India.

The churches included in this newest union are: The Church of Scotland, United Free Church of Scotland, Presbyterian Church of England, Presbyterian Church of Ireland, Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, Reformed (Dutch) Church of America, and Presbyterian Church of Canada.

They have 33 presbyteries and 332 churches, and a total community of 73,983. This is said to be the first occasion in which churches of America and Europe have been united.

Negotiations for the union have been going on for some years with the full approval of the General Assembly in Canada, the purpose being to establish and give organization to a native church, which would learn to administer its own affairs and be self-propagating. There are about thirty missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in Canada working in Central India.

If Gaynor and Greene, the southern fugitives from justice, who have lived

at Quebec for some years fighting against extradition, at last lost through the recent decision of the English privy council, and will have to face their crime, had remained and faced the music in the first instance, they might now be free men. One, Carter, who participated in the robbery of which they are accused, was tried, sentenced to prison, has completed his term and is free. He was sentenced to five years, which was reduced to three years for good behaviour and walked forth from prison some weeks ago.

A prominent Woodstock Conservative, in the city today, assured the Herald that there would be no opposition in Carleton County to the re-election of Hon. Wendell P. Jones solicitor general. He added that Mr. Jones is personally popular with his political opponents and the county appreciated the honor of a portfolio in the government, something it has not enjoyed since the late Hon. William Lindsay was surveyor general for a short period many years ago.

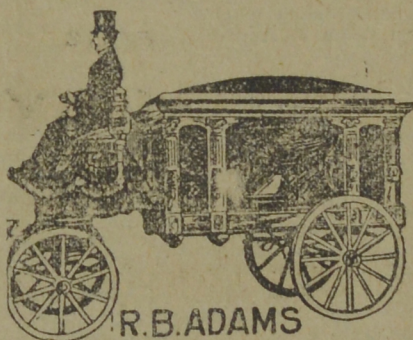
The contractor for snowploughing the sidewalks is neglecting his business. Up to three o'clock this afternoon no effort had been made to clear the lower part of the city below Regent Street, and the people were indulging in severe comment on the civic negligence. Not even the roadmaster was in sight. The council was very prompt in making a payment to the contractor at its last meeting, and the aldermen should see that he does his duty promptly and efficiently.

Mr. E. F. Clarke, Conservative M. P., of Toronto, who contracted a severe cold while stumping in the maritime provinces early in the federal election campaign, has been unable to completely throw it off, and is confined to his home at Toronto with a touch of inflammation. He has been at Ottawa since the session opened, but not in shape to take part in the debates. Mr. Clarke's many friends in the east, and they are not confined to his own party, hope for his early recovery.

Probably Mr. Gamey did more than any other man to seat the Whitney government in power at Toronto, but the member for Manitoulin who went into the gutter of politics to serve his party, was passed by when cabinet appointments were handed out. However, another portfolio—minister of mines—is to be created and perhaps then Mr. Gamey will come to his own.

Hon. W. A. Weir, one of the bolting Quebec ministers, claims that he and his colleagues, Gouin and Turgeon, are assured the support of fifty three members of the legislature when that body meets March 2.

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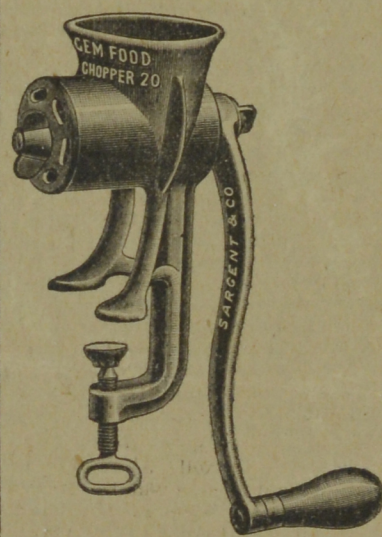
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