

THE PREMIER'S WIFE

Lady Laurier one of the most interesting Women in Public life--American Writer's Appreciation.

Of Lady Laurier, one American writer, Margaret H. Downing, entertains a high opinion. In an article in the Detroit News Tribune, Miss Downing says:

"The wife of Sir Wilfrid Laurier would be an interesting figure were she only of mediocre attraction. For the Liberal Premier of the Dominion of Canada towers mountains high above his contemporaries, and his history is virtually the story of Canada's transition into national greatness. But Lady Laurier possesses a powerful as well as a charming personality, and those who love to trace the development of the man through choosing the right helpmate will find her an illustrious type. Perhaps no man at present before the public owes quite so much to his wife and certainly no man is more prone to attribute his success to her untiring good counsel, to her cheerful companionship and intellectual comprehension of the political needs of the hour. A few weeks ago when Sir Wilfrid invited a distinguished company to his pleasant home in Theodore street, Ottawa, to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the wedding, he felicitated his wife in the following words:

"Except for the good gift of children, all the blessedness which marriage can yield has come to me in this union. Madam Laurier has been even more admirable and efficient to the Prime Minister than she was to the struggling young barrister of Arthur's Bayville forty years ago."

Dignified and gracious, Lady Laurier is the ideal chateau for a household such as the Prime Minister of the Dominion must maintain. It requires pre-eminent social tact to avoid the pitfalls involved in official precedence and to please the complex element which composes Canadian high society. But her training was in the days when she and her husband lingered in the cold shades of opposition, and the lessons learned then have proved useful in the higher sphere. She Wilfrid's biographers aver that being a genius in things political, he would probably have succeeded against all difficulties, but it was entirely due to his wife's counsels, her untiring patience and philosophic spirit that he succeeded so soon. Lady Laurier brought to him an excellent dowry, fine social connections, and all the traditions of good blood. Her father, Mr. George N. B. Lafontaine, was a man of affairs in Montreal, and she had been carefully educated in the best schools of her home city and in France. She met the future great man of Canada when he was reading law, and she studying under the Ladies of the Sacred Heart. The marriage was the result of devoted love on both sides, and not the cut and dried affair arranged between parents, which French-Canadians usually are. She gave up her social career when she was barely twenty to marry Mr. Laurier, and settle down to the hardships of a small town on a very small income.

ANXIOUS TO DEVELOP CANADA.

Now that her faith in her distinguished husband has been so amply justified, Lady Laurier is devoting her declining years to projects which concern the future of her beloved country, and particularly the future of woman in the great Dominion. Not even Sir Wilfrid himself is more devoted to the cause of Canada's development than his gentle wife. Said Lady Laurier, discussing some things in which she is engrossed, a few days ago in her stately home in Ottawa: "From the earliest time, the influence of women has been potent in Canadian affairs, and few topics offer more profitable study than to trace this trend of affairs. But the study of women differs materially from the usual course, for the Canadian women up to the present at least, are not so occupied with the careers, as the term goes in other parts of the world. For instance, though women are freely admitted to the colleges and professional courses, but one woman figures on the list of practicing attorneys. There are few practicing medicine, and the custom which prevails among some denominations in the United States of calling women to the pulpit has never been followed in Canada. The civil service is open to women and many hold subordinate positions. The great teaching force in the elementary schools, at least, is composed of good, faithful women who are the pride and the dependence of their country. Recently women have been gaining recognition in the higher walks of learning, and are filling posts in the high schools as acceptably as they have in the lower grades. There is at least one woman lecturer in McGill University in Montreal, and many in the Royal Victoria College for Women, in the Medical College for Women, and in the conservatory and art schools.

TRIBUTE TO PIONEER WOMEN.

"Canada is specially proud of the farmers. Last year over 15,000 women made a success of farming, and

among these there were many examples of young girls still at school making a fair living from apple orchards—many doing all the work, even the picking and packing the fruit with their own hands. There are all kinds of movements for the betterment of women, for their uplifting in the poorer districts, and to bring all that modern progress can suggest into their lives. There is a national council of Canadian women and a Victorian order of nurses, all accomplishing good things for the sex and for the nation. But Canadian women in the aggregate find their mission in being good wives and mothers, and to their eternal credit be it said they all delight in being considered fine housekeepers. All the historians of Canada pay cheerful tribute to pioneer women, their fortitude, their wisdom and that the nation is fast forging ahead, they ascribe to the fact that women have always cherished the highest ideals, and that they transmitted from generation to generation unaffected piety and patriotism and moral good health.

A STUDENT OF CHARACTER.

Lady Laurier is proud of the fact that while Canada possesses a few immensely rich people, the number of these in alliance compares favorably with the prosperous neighbor of the south. She has studied all the characteristics of her people and tells many quaint stories about them. While she has never written herself, she has encouraged many friends to depict the home life of the Canadian, which she considers more picturesque than that of the native French. She calls attention to the thrift and cleanliness which the poorest communities display. "Go through the country and glance into the open door of a peasant with a mere patch of ground and only a thatched roof cottage for his domicile," she said, "and you will see something of real rural Canadian life. The floor is yellow with many scrubblings, they are bright as new tin, and most honorable ornament of all, stands in rigid solemnity the lit de parade, or best bed in lace curtains and gay frillings. Cleaning and scrubbing make up a great part of every Canadian celebration, and no genuine Canadian housekeeper would think of commemorating a great day either in the religious or domestic calendar without scouring her home from rafters to floor. The feasts of New Year and Easter, always supreme events in the Canadian peasant life, are preceded by general interior upheaval with broom, soap and scrub brush, and so are marriages, birthdays, the visit of M. le Cure or relatives from a distance. All the distinction of the event would be gone were the home cleaning neglected and a corner slightly would bring as much remorse as a sin unconfessed. Best of all these great events are always accompanied by a confession so that the whole family conscience may be in harmony with the general purification of the home."

MANY HISTORIC SOUVENIRS.

Lady Laurier, though a vice-president of the National Council of Women, and a director of the Victorian nurses, may not be called an enthusiast in the new woman movement, of which the Countess of Minto was the progenitor. Rather she inclines to keep her energies for the home. In recent years she has traveled with her husband and her greatest delight now is to recall her experiences and to display the souvenirs of these historic visits. She accompanied Sir Wilfrid to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 1902, and as he was easily the most impressive figure of the assembled colonial premiers, so she was equally a social success. She was asked to many functions to which other colonials are not admitted, and everywhere she added to the fame of her native land as a social centre.

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LORD MILNER'S ADDRESS

Canadians have a Great Responsibility.

TORONTO, Oct. 22.—When presented at Toronto University yesterday for the degree of L. L. D., Lord Milner after acknowledging the honor conferred upon him, said it was a further honor that the name should have been associated with that of the man who had done more than any other living for the empire.

Addressing himself more practically to the student body, he said, that while Canada was altogether a young country as things went in the new world, still was within comparatively recent times that the Dominion had taken the foremost place among the countries of the world.

"It's great future," he said, "is absolutely assured, but the next fifty years may possibly be the most decisive period in its history. These will be peculiarly formative years. They may very well and very likely determine the whole of its subsequent development for centuries. The stream will flow in channels which you dig, and the direction which you give to it."

"It is a great privilege and a thing to be proud of and rejoice in, but it is also a great responsibility. It belongs to that generation of Canadians which is destined to give the decisive turn to the history of their country, and perhaps with it the history of the whole empire."

"To that generation these whom I am addressing belong. It is a great responsibility for all Canadian men and women who are young today but the heaviest burden of responsibility rests upon those who have the talents, I mean to say that those who are members of this and other universities are brought into close contact with the best thought and learning of their age and country."

"They have got to be the leaders of its intellectual and political development. They will take their place in the work of material progress but the higher side of national life is more especially entrusted to their care. It is for them to lay deep and strong the foundation of genuine learning and civic virtue upon which to raise the vast superstructure of material prosperity."

The prospect was one to be contemplated with almost awe, said Lord Milner, and in conclusion he added that through association with the university he should feel entitled to take a deeper interest in its affairs and those of Canada.

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HE LACKED TACT.

Bad Breaks of the Man Who Was Trying to Sell Spectacles.

"The meanest job of my lean days," said a millionaire, "was spectacle peddling. I still see the sad and scornful looks, I still hear the reproachful oaths, which that work brought down on me. It was at the seashore. I had a case of spectacles for every age from forty-five up. I paced the beach and the board walk. "Once I walked up to a lady and gentleman seated close together on the sand. "Sir and madam, I said, 'would these interest you? The best and cheapest brand of old age spectacles on the market. This pair would be your size, sir—forty-nine years. Lady, will you try these fifty-four year ones?' "They reddened, and the man told me, with an oath, to move on. I remembered as I moved that he had been holding her hand. A seaside flirtation. Of course they hadn't liked their thoughts brought down from love to old age spectacles. "On the board walk I accosted a pretty girl leading an old man by the arm. "Would your grandpa be interested in these, miss? I said. 'Best glass, warranted, eighty year size, price'— "Tell him to go, Billy," said the girl. "And as I went a hot corn man chuckled: "That you dub, was Cobsa Golde and his young bride."

A Curious Army Toast.

Of all the British regiments the Welsh fusiliers have the most curious army toast. It forms part of the ceremony of the grand dinner given annually on St. David's day. After the dinner the drum major, accompanied by the goat, the mascot of the fusiliers, bedecked with rosettes of red and blue ribbon, marches around the table, carrying a plate of leeks. Every officer or guest who has never eaten one before is obliged to do so, standing on his chair with one foot on the table, while the drummers beat a roll behind his chair. He is then considered a true Welshman. All the toasts are coupled with the name of St. David. It is in much this way that the toast with highland honors is drunk. Each guest stands with one foot on his chair and one on the table, and the pipers, a-piping, parade the room.

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SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Quaco Wharf Extension" will be received at this office until 4.30 p. m. on Friday, November 13, 1903 for the construction of an Extension to the East Pier at Quaco, St. John County, N. B., according to a plan and specification to be seen at the offices of E. T. P. Shewen, Esq., Resident Engineer, St. John, N. B., Geo. Fry Stead, Esq., Resident Engineer, Chatham, N. B., on application to the Postmaster at Quaco, N. B., and at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

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By order,
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Department of Public Works,
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Oct. 13, d3i.

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Ottawa, Oct. 7, 1903.

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Oct. 12, d3i.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for St. Andrews Wharf, N. B." will be received at this office until 4.30 p. m., on Friday, November 6, 1903, for the construction of a Wharf at St. Andrews, Charlotte County, N. B., according to a plan and specification to be seen at the offices of E. T. P. Shewen, Esq., Resident Engineer, St. John, N. B., Geo. Fry Stead, Esq., Resident Engineer, Chatham, N. B., on application to the Postmaster at St. Andrews, N. B., and at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

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