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THE LATE SIR OLIVER MOWAT.

The death of Sir Oliver Mowat, Q. C., LL.D., K. C. M. G., Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, occurred on Sunday morning last. He was son of John Mowat, Esq., formerly of Canisby, Caithness, Scotland, who had served in the Peninsular War under Wellington, and afterward came to Canada in 1816 and settled at Kingston, Ontario. The now deceased statesman was born in Kingston on July 22, 1820, and was at the time of his demise in his eighty-third year. He was educated at Kingston and there studied law, first with the late Sir John A. Macdonald and later in the office of the late Mr. Justice Burns. Mr. Mowat was called to the bar on attaining his majority in 1841. Removing to Toronto he married there in 1846 Jane Ewart, second daughter of the late John Ewart, of that city. He sat in the City Council of Toronto for two years. He early obtained a strong position at the bar and so long ago as 1856 was a commissioner for consolidation of the statutes of Canada and for Upper Canada respectively.

His political career may be said to have begun in 1857 when he was elected to the House of Assembly in which he sat till 1864. In this short and memorable period of Canadian history there were frequent changes of administration. Mr. Mowat was made Provincial Secretary in the

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Brown-Dorion Ministry at the time of the famous "double shuffle" of August, 1888, his party being defeated while the new Ministers were out of the House, having resigned for re-election on taking office. Thus they were only in power for four days. And thus his first official term was almost the shortest on record. It afterward fell to his lot to hold the Premiership of his Province, as we shall see, for the longest term in British history. From May 1863 until March 1864 Mr. Mowat was Postmaster General in the Sandfield Macdonald-Dorion Administration and he held the same office in the coalition Government formed to carry the union of the Provinces and as such sat in the Quebec Conference of 1864 at which the first union scheme was formulated. He then retired from political life and accepted the judicial appointment of Vice-Chancellor of Upper Canada.

But he was destined to return to the political arena, for which he was eminently fitted. After the Confederation was formed, and Sandfield Macdonald's administration was defeated, the Liberal party came into power in Ontario with Edward Blake as Premier and Alexander Mackenzie as Provincial Secretary. Both these gentlemen were also members of the House of Commons, and when at their instance dual representation was abolished, they chose to remain in the Federal Parliament and were consequently required to retire from the Provincial Legislature and Government. It thus became necessary to select a new Liberal leader and Premier for the Province. The choice fell upon Vice-Chancellor Mowat and he resigned from the Bench to accept the offered position. Thus began his second, his long and most memorable career in political life. During nearly twenty-five years, 1872-96 without a break, and with unblemished honor he held the position of Premier of his native Province. In 1886 he resigned that post, was knighted and accepted the office of Minister of Justice in the newly-formed Laurier Administration at Ottawa. He was then also given a seat in the Senate and remained leader of that body down to November, 1897 when he was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, which position he retained until his death.

Sir Oliver Mowat was not only a statesman of a goal ability, but was unequalled as a leader of men and as a great constitutional lawyer. Again and again he joined issue with the late Sir John A. Macdonald in controversies between his Province and the Dominion which were carried to the Privy Council for final judgment and in every case he was the victor. The famous Mercer-Echeat case, the Streams Bill, the Federal Liquor License Act, the Ontario Boundary question and others of equal importance were among the controversies which added to his fame. Sir Oliver was more than an eminent good man, a Christian as well as a statesman, a jurist and a leader. He was a devoted Presbyterian and for nearly a quarter of a century President of the Evangelical Alliance of

Ontario, and like Gladstone wrote extensively in defence of the Christian faith. He was a man who honored and acknowledged God in all his ways and undoubtedly realised the promise of divine direction in his long and most successful public career. With his death a great and good man, a prince among his fellows has fallen. It is an honor to Canada and to the Liberal party to have produced so great a statesman of such unblemished life. And we doubt not that long after his demise the beneficial influence of his good and illustrious example will be felt in the public life of the Dominion.

Sir Oliver's term of office as Governor had expired in November last, and when the present troubles arose over the Gamey charges he had already fallen into what has proved to be his final illness. There was for a time some slight call for a new appointment, but the more general feeling was that the Grand Old Man should be permitted to die in office as he did. It was fitting that it should be so. Tens of thousands who knew him will cherish during life an affectionate memory of the little old man, short of stature, but a giant in intellect, always spectacles, but clearest of mental vision, so genial, so approachable, so kindly and withal so good, so benignant, so modest and so great.

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