

Legends Grow About 'Sir John A.' The Man

MEN AND WOMEN WHO KNEW GREAT STATESMAN'S HUMAN SIDE FAILED TO RECORD HIS PERSONAL QUALITIES.

(By Ralph Hyman.) (Staff Writer, The Globe and Mail.) "Old Sir John, the people say (Ah, there were giants in his day!)

Patriot, prophet, leader of men, When shall we meet his like again? Sir John A. MacDonald had been in his grave some thirty years when Mildred Low wrote these lines in praise of this historic city's adopted son. In verse and prose throughout the years since his death, the fame of this strange man, who twice became Prime Minister of his country, has been written so that

those who come after may read his story. The anniversary of his birth will be celebrated on Jan. 11. A country which still remembers his great services despite the half-century which has passed since his death, will pause for a few minutes amid the perplexing problems of a world which Sir John never knew, and pay tribute to his works and to his memory.

This city knew Sir John A. MacDonald well. It was here he lived and practiced law and embarked upon the glorious political career which saw him twice scale the heights of power and fame. He was buried in Cataract Cemetery, and citizens of Kingston tell the visitor of the fame Sir John brought to the historic centre. The landmarks still stand in Kingston. The building on Wellington Street where he hung out his shingle in 1836 is here. In his day it was known as Quarry Street. The houses he occupied have not given way to newer structures.

But the mortal limbs have nearly all gone. The men and women who knew him in his prime, who talked and ate and drank with him in the intimacy of the home, have long since died. True, there are many alive today who remember seeing and hearing him speak, but the men who called him "John" and knew him out-of-stage so to speak, are no more.

The life of Sir John Alexander MacDonald has been set down in books of varying merit, but no book has ever been written solely about the man MacDonald, his faults and his virtues, his human side, and it will never be written. The men and women who could have contributed to such a volume died without passing on the knowledge. Legends have been woven about the life of this Glasgow-born Scot, and fancy has sometimes taken the place of facts.

Nearly half a century has passed since MacDonald's death. His stature as a statesman has been fully appraised and viewed in the true perspective bequeathed by time. His accomplishments have been recorded indelibly, historians say. But John MacDonald the man, the good companion, the kindly and generous soul, has become a legendary figure, and the stories and anecdotes handed down from father to son will be eventually lost in hazy memory.

Middle-aged men in Kingston are able to give some glimpse of "old Sir John A." as he is still called here. Most of the yarns they tell are based on what their parents told them, and what they saw and heard as youngsters. There is a story which illustrates vividly his hold on the people, in defeat as well as in victory.

After his Government had been defeated at the polls, Sir John was walking along one of Kingston's streets when he met a Mrs. Grimason, an old and trusted friend. They shook hands and Mrs. Grimason started to sob bitterly over the political blow dealt her friend.

"Don't cry for me," said Sir John, patting her on the back. "I'll be Prime Minister of Canada again, and when I am I'll take you to the opening of Parliament."

And when his political fortunes once more soared Sir John kept his word. Mrs. Grimason, in a new silk dress and bonnet, was given a prominent place at the opening ceremonies in Ottawa.

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Montreal Stock Exchange

(Canadian Press)

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General Decline On New York Stock Market

By FREDERICK GARDNER Associated Press Financial Writer NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Selling of utilities touched off a general decline in today's stock market, and leaders yielded 1 to more than 2 points. A few aircrafts and specialties were resistant, but most of these lost heart before the close. Transfers totalled 933,680 shares compared with 845,900 last Friday. The Associated Press average of 60 stocks was down .9 of a point at 47.

Declines outnumbered gains on the Canadian list. Distillers-Sea-grain dropped a point to 14 7/8. Dome, International Nickel, McIntyre, and Imperial Oil eased slightly. Lake Shore and Walkers steadied fractions. Utilities stumbled following the proposal of President Wendell L. Wilkie of Commonwealth & Southern that the government purchase this company's subsidiaries and other private power plants in the Tennessee Valley district. Steels were down with the rest despite a small advance in this week's mill operations. What stocks did: Advances — — — — — Mon. Sat 141 466 Declines — — — — — 487 80 Unchanged — — — — — 153 124 Total issues — — — — — 781 670

FINANCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 —(AP)— Foreign exchange: Great Britain demand 4.99 3-4, 4.99 1-2, 4.99 1-2; 60-day bills 4.98 15-16; France demand 3.36 1-2; Italy 5-26 1-4; Belgium 16 9 1-2; Germany 40.28 1-2; Canada 1.00.

MONTREAL, Jan. 17 —(CP)— The stock market was left to itself much of the time today and prices slipped into conflicting trends.

Base metals bore the brunt of sporadic selling attacks and smelters' dropped more than a point 62 1-2. Rail equipments got up a little steam and small improvements showed for Canadian Car at 11 1-4, the preferred at 21 1-2 and National Steel Car at 38. Construction failed to make headway and sliding tendencies were exhibited by Canada Cement, Dominion Steel B and Gypsum.

Trading slowly, Price Brothers edged forward a bit while St. Lawrence Corp. sold off. Total sales: 158,300 shares; Industrial: 20,200; Mines 138,100. Bonds \$4,550.

Grain Prices

WINNIPEG, Jan. 17 —(CP)— Unfavorable winter wheat conditions in the United States induced today though spreading operations on the Winnipeg grain exchange caused minor irregularity.

Death in export trade, lack of mill buying and overseas influence led to a quiet session. Final quotations were 1 higher to 3-8 cent lower. May 1.25 1-2, July 1.17 3-4 and Oct. 1.00 5-8.

October future which previously had showed strength, was pushed lower. Sluggish stock markets, also handicapped grain action. Buyers appeared to be waiting developments before taking on new lines. Revised interest in durum wheat featured cash dealings. No. 2 and 3 grades were reported to have traded two cents better for eastern and export account. Volume, however, was small. No. 1 northern hard spring wheat advanced one cent to 11 cents premium over May future and garnet No. 2 advanced a cent on some transactions.

Coarse grains closed firm, oats 1-4 lower to unchanged, barley 1-8 lower to 1-8 higher; flax 3-8 3-4 higher and rye 5-8 3-8 higher.

Currencies

MONTREAL, Jan. 17 —(CP)— Pound Sterling slipped 1-4 cent on Montreal foreign exchanges today to \$4.99 1-2 while the French franc rallied 3/8 cent to 3 3/8 cents. The United States dollar was unchanged at par.

UNDATED MONEY BOX

(By The Canadian Press) Closing exchange rates At Montreal — Pound 4 99 1-2; U. S. dir 1.00; France 3 38. At New York — Pound 4 99 1-2 Canadian dir 1.00; franc 3 37 1-2. At Paris — Pound 148.50 fr; U. S. dir 29.90 fr; Canadian dir 29.89 1-2 fr. In Gold — Pound 12s, 2d; U. S. dir 59.23 cents; Canadian dir 59.24 cents.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

(By The Canadian Press) Toronto, Montreal and New York—Stocks closed lower. Winnipeg—Wheat one cent higher to 3-8 cents lower. New York—Rubber and cotton lower; sugar and coffee unchanged.

MINING

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, Jan. 17—

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