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**THE MORNING GUARDIAN**  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 1903.  
GLADSTONE AND SALISBURY.

Now that both Gladstone and Salisbury are dead the mind of the observer of men and events naturally draws comparisons between them. Both were great men; each of them was several times First Minister of the United Kingdom and of the British Empire; as leaders of the two great political parties they were perpetually opposed to each other in public life, and they have now passed into history as the two great British leaders of the last quarter of the nineteenth century. One would naturally think that all great leaders, possessed of the power to sway men and mould them to the leaders' way of thinking, must have much in common, and yet these two great men were strangely unlike in their greatness. It is often so, alike in spheres of statecraft, of letters, of art or arms. Napoleon and Wellington, greatest of contemporary captains, Byron and Tennyson among poets, Gladstone and Salisbury, in political life, may serve as examples of this contrariety of temper, genius and character among eminent men in their respective spheres.

It may be observed that Gladstone was a man of the people in the sense that Salisbury was not. Lord Salisbury was distinctly above and independent of the masses. He was an aristocrat, a British patrician. He had no ear for the voice of the people. And yet he did what he thought was right, was a just and intensely patriotic man. Gladstone's perpetual thought was for the people. Of his own choice he sat all his life in the popular chamber, among the people's representatives. He loved to talk to the people and to the men of the people's choice. He at whose word scores

of men had been elevated to the peerage, himself refused all titles and remained till his death plain Mister Gladstone. Salisbury was the greater diplomat of the two. His strength as a statesman was shown in his conduct of the foreign affairs of the country. Gladstone was at his best in promoting internal reforms, and in finance. The people looked up to Salisbury as a kindly and just, though sometimes bluff, baronial ruler. They felt that the interests of the nation were safe in his hands, although he stood for the classes rather than for the masses. Gladstone's maxim was "the greatest good for the greatest number."

There is no such world-wide mourning for Salisbury as there was for Gladstone. The latter was the broader, the more humanitarian. Salisbury's sympathies were centered in the Empire. Gladstone had ever with him the idea of the brotherhood of man, and for his broad sympathies, his compassion for the oppressed of every land, had made for himself a kingdom in the hearts of men at large. Both statesmen were Christians, but religion seemed to fill the larger place in the thought and life of Gladstone. His too were the higher ideals both in personal and national life. And yet, perhaps he made more and greater mistakes in his leadership of the nation than did Salisbury, due to his intenser sympathies and more impulsive nature and temperament. In power of oratory, in personal force and influence, as a man of letters and as an educator of the public mind Gladstone was greatly the superior of his rival. Both were high-minded and honorable men and a credit to the Empire over which alternately for so long a time they held large control. It has been said of Salisbury that "he is the last of his type who will ever rule in England." And it may be long before another Gladstone or his equal succeeds to the Premiership of the Empire.

It is understood that the Ottawa government has decided upon October 15th for Thanksgiving Day, which is about the same time as last year and earlier than previous years.

The British Columbia elections are expected to take place about 31st October. The Liberals having no regular leader since the deposition of Joe Martin, have put the leadership in commission in the shape of a committee of four who are to call the representatives together to choose a leader after the contest. That is not the way to win an election.

A very important and significant article appears in the Toronto News on the railway question. Editor Willison now of The News was recently editor of the Toronto Globe, and is a close personal friend of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, whose biography he has written. Down to the date of the article now referred to The News was strongly committed to the Grand Trunk Pacific bargain. The significance of the article lies in a suggestion looking to "the abandonment of the contract now before the public and the preparation of another of an entirely different character." Editor Willison has been studying Mr. Borden's alternative plan, and he concludes that the Opposition leader's scheme "would advance the cause of Government ownership as much as the Government's plan would retard it." Evidently there is a growing feeling that the scheme now before Parliament was too hastily devised and ought to be reconsidered.

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A considerable discussion has taken place in the Boston newspapers lately in regard to the article "the" preceding the title "Reverend." The English newspapers generally speak of "the Reverend John Jones," and in like manner of "the Right Reverend," and in secular affairs of "the Honorable John Brown," and so forth. The common practice in America is to omit "the" and speak of a clergyman as Reverend only, but The Boston Herald and some other excellent journals follow the English practice. We owe something to brevity, and The Guardian prefers the shorter form. Usually the more famous a man is the less he cares about titles, ecclesiastical, academic or political, either before or after his name. To many persons the use of titles for preachers, except what may be necessary to show who the man is, is not in the best taste. For brevity's sake we omit "Mr." before names of men where initials are given "Mrs." or "Miss" before the name of a woman serve the purpose of distinguishing married women from those who are not married.



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