

there and it is more than likely that many other English firms will follow this example. Thus there is a great opportunity for Canada to obtain basically sound and well financed British industries.

Spillers has notified the Alberta Flour Millers that it has ratified the agreement to sell its plants to the English company on a basis of dollar for dollar shares. Spillers expect to establish the greatest flour mills in Canada shortly.

## SYMPATHETIC MESSAGES POUR INTO OSLER HOME

Public One at Church of St.  
Simon Tuesday Afternoon

Sir Edmund Osler will be buried to-morrow in St. James' cemetery alongside the graves of his wife, his mother, his father and his brother.

There will be a private service at his home in Rosedale during the morning and a larger service, at which statesmen and financiers from all over the country will attend, in the afternoon. The public service will be in the Church of St. Simon and will be conducted by Rev. N. Clarke Wallace, the pastor, and Rev. Cecil J. S. Stuart of St. Thomas' church. It will be at 2.30 p.m.

The members of the household who will attend the private service will be the three sons who are in Toronto, F. G., H. F. and E. F., and their families, and two daughters, Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Gibbons and families.

Messages of sympathy are pouring in to the family from all over the country. Wires have been received from Sir Robert Borden, Sir Edward Kemp, Baron Byng, Sir Joseph Flavelle, Sir Herbert Holt, Sir Augustus Nanton, Sir George Brown, Premier W. L. M. King, Sir George Burn, Lord Shaughnessy, Grant Hall, C. R. Hosmer, Robert Hobson, and many others.

When Sir Edmund is borne to his grave, the actual pall-bearers will be his gardeners and housemen, while the honorary pall-bearers will be his business associates and intimates. There are eight of them: Sir Augustus Nanton, C. A. Bogert, A. W. Austin, S. B. Sykes, Sir Edmund's confidential secretary, H. F. Marriott; J. F. Smith, a neighbor of Sir Edmund's for over forty years and one of his oldest friends, Lawrence Solman and Grant Hall of Montreal.



# SIR EDMUND OSLER DIES LAST OF NOTED BROTHERS

Failed to Rally From Attack of Pneumonia—Played Important Part in Business, Educational and Social Life of the Dominion

## A GUIDING SPIRIT IN MANY ENTERPRISES

Sir Edmund Osler, president of the Dominion Bank and head of the firm, Osler and Hammond, one of Canada's outstanding financiers and the last of four famous brothers, passed away at 12.25 Monday morning at his residence, 152 South Drive.

Sir Edmund, who, was in his 79th year, had been seriously ill for four weeks, he having failed to rally from an attack of pneumonia, and several days before his death it was seen that his chances of recovery were very slight. Despite all that physicians could do, the distinguished patient gradually grew weaker until he slipped away, quietly and peacefully, surrounded by his family and his physician, Dr. James Graham.

### His Business Interests

The part Sir Edmund played in the business life of the community may be gleaned from a glance at his various interests. He was senior member and founder of the firms of Osler and Hammond of Toronto and Osler, Hammond and Nanton of Winnipeg, and was a charter member of the Toronto Stock Exchange. He was president of the Dominion Bank, the Canada Northwest Land Company, Osler and Nanton Trust Company, Victoria Rolling Stock Company and The Toronto Ferry Company. He was also on the directorate of the Canadian Pacific Railway (of which he was the oldest director in point of service, his appointment dating from 1885); The Calgary and Edmonton Land Company, Imperial Oil, Limited, International Petroleum Company, Limited, Commercial Cable Company, Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, the Toronto General Trusts Corporation; also a trustee of the Mackay Companies, and on the advisory board in Canada of The North of Scotland Canadian Mortgage Company, and during the 1917 Victory Loan campaign he was honorary chairman of the Toronto committee; and he had by reason of failing health recently retired from the directorate of The Confederation Life Association, The Consumers' Gas Company and The Steel Company of Canada.

Among Sir Edmund's other activities, he was honorary chairman of the board of trustees of the Hospital for Sick Children; on the corporation of Trinity College; and also one of the board of governors of the Toronto University; and until recently vice-president of the Ontario Jockey Club.

In religion he was an Anglican, attending St. Simon's Church, of which he was one of the founders; and in politics a Conservative, for some twenty-one years representing a Toronto constituency.

His clubs were: Toronto, York, Albany, R.C.V.C., Toronto Golf, Lambton

than generous with his time and advice in civic, provincial and federal affairs.

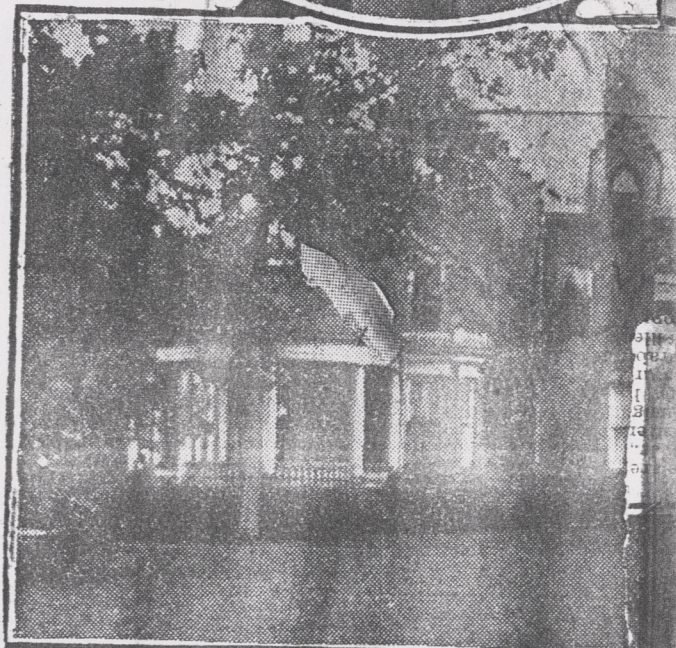
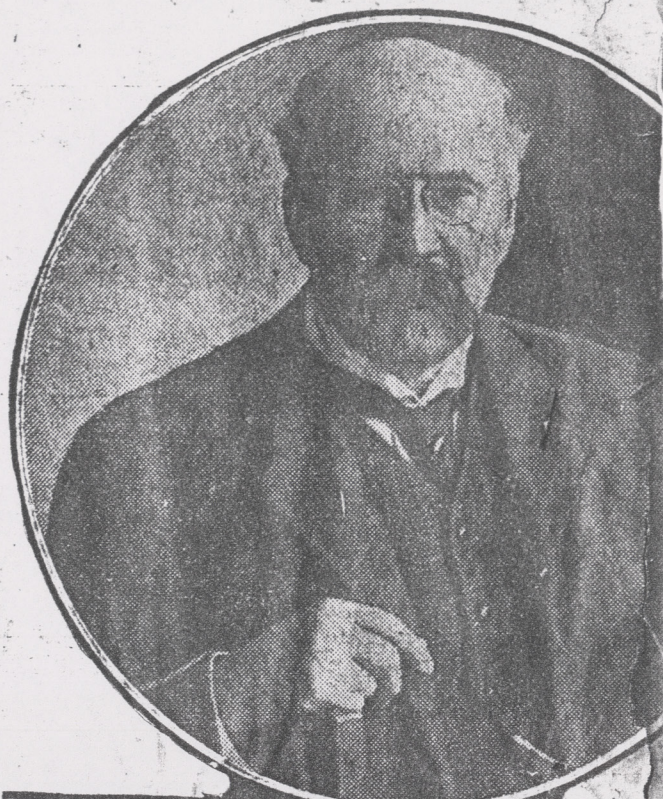
Although Sir Edmund Osler gave freely to innumerable causes, few people knew, or know now, the extent of his gifts. For six or eight years he has been making generous donations to the University of Toronto, and many a student was afforded an opportunity to take post-graduate work as a result. Last year Sir Edmund gave \$25,000 in bonds to the Church of St. Simon the Apostle for its social welfare work and it was characteristic of him that the only way it became known outside the church was by means of a little news item in the weekly news bulletin which the members of the parish publish.

Hospitality was second nature to the late Sir Edmund Osler. His home, "Craigsleigh," one of the beauty spots of Rosedale, was always open to his friends and the host's charm of personality left a lasting impression on its guests. Sir Edmund is said to have been deeply disappointed that he was prevented from entertaining the members of the British Association for the Advancement of Science by his illness which, as it transpired, caused his death before that body reached here.

It was in 1883 that Sir Edmund first became interested in railway projects. At that time, he took an active hand with the late George Laidlaw in promoting the Ontario Railways to a successful completion. Later still he was connected with the construction of the Ontario and Quebec Railway and was elected president of that company. In 1885, when his constructive work on these Ontario and Quebec roads had made Sir Edmund and the firm of Osler and Hammond a real factor in the transportation world, and the C.P.R. was struggling with its long western lines and short western traffic, Sir Edmund joined the C.P.R. board, becoming later a member of the executive committee and, in 1923, with the death of R. W. Angus, who had been elected a director four years before him, the grand old man of the Canadian railway world.

His activities were many and covered a wide range. He served on the governing boards of hospitals, homes for the afflicted, educational institutions, including the endowment committee of Trinity University and the board of governors of Toronto University. He aided a civic art guild, a provincial rifle association, an archaeological association and national conservation, and he has in addition given his support to all branches of outdoor sport and athletic exercise.

He was elected in 1895 vice-president of the Toronto board of trade, and in 1896 president of that body. In London he sat in the third con-



ed to distribute from time to time among the eager younger generation.

He enjoyed his flower garden, which was among the most magnificent in the city, not from the mere desire of having something beautiful to look at, though that had its place, but because flowers are flowers and their history and development can be studied with the same seriousness as any other phase of nature. At Craigsleigh, the gentle art of horticulture found its highest expression.



ges), and St. Charles Country Club (Winnipeg).

#### Four Famous Brothers

Sir Edmund Osler was the last of a famous quartet of brothers. For the son of a famous man to win success on his own merits is proverbially difficult, but the man who is confronted with one or more notable brothers is even more heavily handicapped. Sir Edmund, then, was one of four sons of the rectory who won eminence in such varying fields as science, law and finance.

The late Sir William Osler, renowned on two continents, won the highest reward within the reach of his profession in the English-speaking world when he was appointed regius professor of medicine at Oxford.

The late B. B. Osler, K.C., was one of the most brilliant criminal lawyers in Canada, and an elder brother, the late Hon. Featherston Osler, was elevated to the bench in 1879 and discharged his judicial duties until 1910, when he retired.

Without the university education which his brothers enjoyed, the late Sir Edmund launched himself into a banking career while still almost a youth, and his record from that date on has been one of unusual and consistent successes, till he stood at his death as a leader among Canadian financiers, the dean of railwaymen, a philanthropist whose memory will always be revered by the many he aided, and a politician of note.

Born in Simcoe county, the son of a rural Church of England clergyman, his earlier years were spent in a home atmosphere of refinement and intellectual culture. It is perhaps to his mother that he owed a great deal of the mental endowment and physical equipment which helped him to success in his later career. She exerted a great influence over her famous sons during her long life, which closed in Toronto just before she had attained her hundredth year.

When Sir Edmund was still very small the family moved to Dundas, Ontario, where he received the greater part of his education in the Dundas Grammar School.

Sir Edmund Osler's first venture into the business world was marked with failure, not of his own, but of the institution with which he was employed. When the old Bank of Upper Canada, then situated at the south-east corner of Yonge and Colborne streets, failed many years ago, Sir Edmund, then plain Edmund, was a clerk in its office. Sir Edmund, in after years, often remarked that he never could forget his feelings when he was told to put out a sign in front of the building saying: "This bank is closed."

But E. B. Osler, as he then was, was ambitious. The slow process of promotion in the bank did not entirely suit him, and when a few years later he found his occupation gone, due to the fact that the bank had gone out of business, he formed a partnership with Henry Mill Pellatt, now Sir Henry, a money broker and financial agents.

This partnership lasted from 1866 to the early eighties, when Sir Edmund withdrew from the firm to form the house of Osler and Hammond with the late H. C. Hammond.

#### A Generous Giver

Fifteen years ago he was rated as a millionaire, but he did not make haste to have himself placed among the multimillionaires. He gave freely to innumerable philanthropic and patriotic charities, and was more

carried out a plan declaring that the arising from a closer union of the empire would justify an arrangement as nearly as possible in the nature of a Zollverein based upon principles of the freest exchange of commodities within the empire consistent with the tariff requirements incident to the maintenance of the local government of each part of the empire.

His political career is well worthy of note. In 1892 he ran as business men's candidate for the mayoralty of Toronto, but was defeated, despite his very evident qualifications for office. In 1892, however, he was elected to the Federal House as Conservative member for West Toronto and sat in the Commons uninterruptedly for five terms.

He was not numbered among the voluble members who spoke on every subject, but earned the enviable reputation of rising only when he had something worth while to add to the subject under discussion. He may not have had the rare skill and striking delivery that enabled his brother, B. B. Osler, to sway a jury or political audience at will, nor the crisp epigrammatic style which made the late Sir William Osler's addresses such good copy, but he had an unusual ability of convincing and power of impressing his hearers by straight force of logic and sincerity and common sense argument.

#### Given a Knighthood

On January 1, 1912, came the crowning honor of his life, when he was created "Knight Bachelor."

He has always been a man of hobbies and evidences of this can readily be found in the grounds of Craigleigh, his Toronto residence, which rests on the edge of the Rosedale ravine in a setting of woodland and flowers. There he made a specialty of horticulture and the growing of hot house grapes. The latter he raised to the point of perfection as many a connoisseur will testify but the real evidence of his expertness in this line can be obtained from the children and former children of the neighborhood who will always remember the immense bunches of luscious fruit that Sir Edmund was accustomed

would ascend by walking stick to his

other one of his hobbies and one that he practised as much for the purpose of meeting old friends and chatting as for exercise, was to walk down-town to his office, a distance of at least two miles.

#### An Enthusiastic Golfer

As an enthusiastic golfer he was a supporter of the Toronto and Lambton Golf Clubs, and belonged also to the Toronto Hunt Club, the Rideau (Ottawa), and the St. Charles Country Club (Winnipeg).

He took a keen interest in art, and was one of the ardent and influential originators of the Royal Ontario Museum, Bloor street.

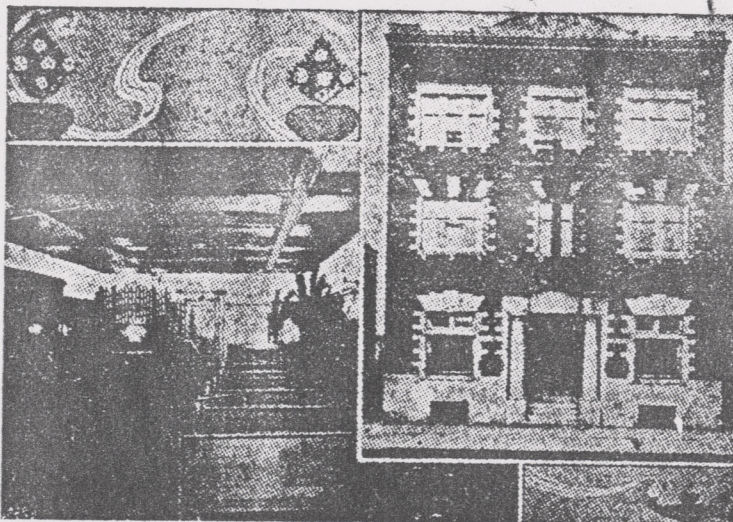
Sir Edmund was a life member of the Ontario Rifle Association for twenty-five years. He was elected president in 1899, and occupied that position for twenty-one years, his resignation, due to ill health, being regretted by all.

During his regime as president Sir Edmund presented to the association for annual competition two magnificent trophies, one in 1910, known as the President's Cup for "tyro" teams, another in 1919 known as the Mercer Memorial Cup, the latter in memory of Major-General M. S. Mercer, C.B., killed in France.

Throughout his long connection with the association he was a generous annual donor to the prize lists, was ever ready to assist the promotion of rifle shooting, and, although for some time past unable to take any active part in its affairs, his interest and support continued to the last.

The late Sir Edmund was married at Aberdeenshire, Scotland, to Annie Farquharson Cochran, daughter of the late F. J. Cochran of Balfour, who died some years ago. He had six children, F. Gordon, Edmund F., Hugh, Mrs. B. Bowen, Mrs. W. L. Mathews and Mrs. George S. Gibbons.

### Unique Funeral Chapel of A. W. Miles 396 College Street TORONTO



The above photograph is a view of the splendid Funeral Chapel of A. W. Miles, one of Toronto's most prominent Funeral Directors, and is found to be very convenient when death occurs in hotels, hospitals or apartment houses. Mr. Miles also has a motor hearse in connection, going to any cemetery, the Forest Lawn Mausoleum, or to trains.

#### DEATH RE

TOP LEFT: The late Sir Edmund Osler, president of the Dominion Bank, at the RIGHT show Sir Edmund's late residence at the Horticultural Society, Dominion Bank.

## Sir Edmund Showed

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"Canada has lost one of the distinguished and brilliant figures of its financial life," declared C. A. Bogert, general manager of the Dominion Bank, in expressing his sorrow over the death of Sir Edmund Osler, the president of that institution.

"The death of Sir Edmund, was one of the most outstanding who has appeared in the financial world in the last half-century, be a matter of universal concern, association with the Dominion Bank was as old as the institution itself. He played an important part in securing the original subscription of capital stock when organization under way in 1869, and has continued his intimate relationship with the bank ever since, until his death, with his final illness a few weeks ago. 'My personal associations with Sir Edmund gave me many opportunities to observe the qualities which made up one of the finest characters I have ever known. He was the last of a splendid school, and his death leaves a wide gap in Canadian financial life.'"

Mr. Bogert spoke of Sir Edmund's natural modesty, which was rarely allowed himself to be quoted in the press, and for that reason statement from Sir Edmund Osler any public matter commanded attention and gained authority the very rarity which which spoke," said Mr. Bogert.

#### One of Canada's Builders

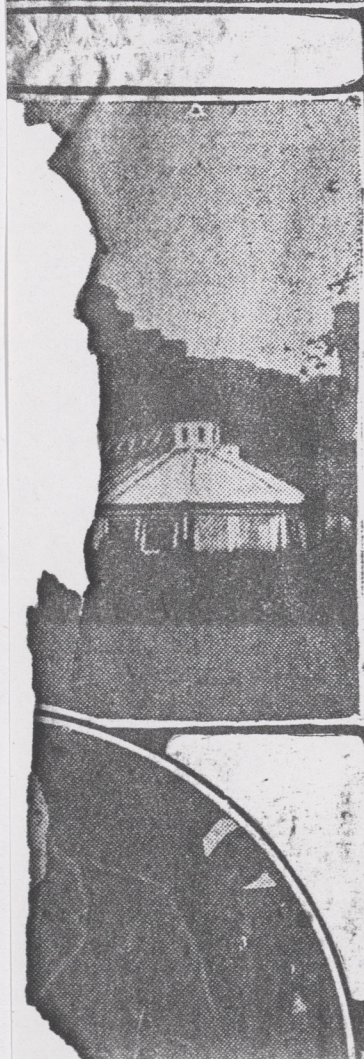
Joseph Henderson, vice-president of the Bank of Toronto, and Confederation Life Association, warmly of the qualities which made up the late financier. Henderson was associated with as a director of the Confederation Life for many years.

"He was a man of sterling



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# THE LATE SIR EDMUND BOYD OSLER



paigns. Mr. Crawford also met Sir Edmund a great deal in connection with the affairs of the Western Hospital, of which institution Sir Edmund was a most generous supporter. While in politics Sir Edmund gave a great deal of his time to the West Toronto constituency and attended most of the political meetings in the riding. Mr. Crawford said no detail of organization was too small to receive the personal attention of Sir Edmund, who always seemed grateful for any help received in his political campaigns. His death will be a great loss to Toronto and to the country at large, said Mr. Crawford.

T. L. Church, M.P. for North Toronto, and former mayor, said that Sir Edmund was one of the most outstanding citizens Toronto ever had. His life had been one of service, Mr. Church said, and his whole career was marked by sincerity and loyalty. "A great Imperialist and a great Canadian, Sir Edmund never ceased to work for Toronto and for the good of the community. It will be a long time before the city finds a man with such broad vision and with such strength of head and heart. His death is a great loss to the city. His work for Toronto is a monument to him. Many public institutions owe a great debt of gratitude to him."

Col. F. H. Deacon said that the things about Sir Edmund Osler which always had impressed him were his absolute integrity and his generosity. "He was a very broad-minded man and helped in many philanthropic enterprises because his friends were interested in them. There is no better name in the business and financial world than the name of Osler and he is the man who created it."

## Strong Common Sense

Feleg Howland, president of the Imperial Bank of Canada, said: "I always had an admiration for his acumen and he always impressed me as a man of strong common sense and courage in the expression of his opinions. There is evidence in the career of the Dominion Bank of his success as a banker. It is a pity to lose men of his calibre. He will be missed, I am sure, by all those with whom he was associated."

Thomas Rooney, city relief officer, and a past president of Ward Six Conservatives, which organization was behind Sir Edmund Osler in all his political campaigns, said Sir Edmund was never appealed to in vain to help any worthy cause. The public fund started for the family of the late E. F. Clarke, M.P., was but one instance of his generosity. Sir Edmund not only headed the list of subscriptions, but took a personal interest in seeing to it that the fund was given the support it deserved. Mr. Rooney recalled many interesting political events during the public career of Sir Edmund, who retired from politics greatly respected and beloved by the individual worker. Mr. Rooney recalled, in connection with West Toronto fights, the warm friendship which grew up between Sir Edmund and "Dad" Pollard of the Roncesvalles avenue car barns, who usually had charge of the committee room for Sir Edmund in connection with the barns. Mr. Pollard is now in poor health.

W. Austin, vice-president of the



lent a great deal of force to any movement in which he interested himself. Sir Edmund was one of the great minds in Canada and the prominent part he played in public activities will always be a monument to his memory."

Hon. Thomas Crawford, registrar

of the legislature for Toronto, met Sir Edmund Osler a great deal in connection with politics in West Toronto. Sir Edmund represented practically the same constituency in the dominion field that Mr. Crawford represented in the Ontario Legislature, and they were intimately associated in many cam-

greatly missed by the commercial financial circles he always was considered an authority." Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, former prime minister of the dominion, said: "Another of our front rank business men has passed in Sir Edmund." (Continued on Page 24)

## G TORONTO CITIZEN

Osler, photograph by Lyonde. TOP: grandchildren. CENTRE LEFT: 152 South Drive; the full figures Woodbine races and at the Riverdale Edmund at the directors' table of the

# Achievements in his Ability

## Death of Dominion Builder's— His Nature

A man who won the high-est respect and respect of all his said Mr. Henderson. "He of the builders of the coun-try his death is a matter of deep throughout Canada. Sir Ed-ward's achievements in the financial world marked him as a man of con-fidence, ability, and as well as that, a man with a strong person-ality and a warm heart and a par-ticularly generous nature."

Robert Falconer spoke of Sir Edmund's extreme generosity toward the university:

"He always had the greatest ad-miration for Sir Edmund Osler," said Robert. "He was a very consid-erate man, and a very generous one, particularly generous where the Uni-versity of Toronto was concerned. He was very quick in response to appeals from the university, and gave large sums of money, in addition to supporting fellowships each year. He was a very fine citizen and a very fine representative of a distin-guished family. I am very sorry in-stead to hear of his death."

## Premier Ferguson's Tribute

He was one of a group of men who did a great deal to build up the stable foundation of this country, from a transportation standpoint as well as in the legislative field," said Premier Ferguson. "Sir Edmund was a man

## British Association for the Advancement of Science

Those who have joined the Brit-ish Association for 1924 locally are respectfully requested to reg-ister at the Headquarters of the Association in the Library, Uni-versity of Toronto, even though they have already received mem-bership tickets. They are asked to do this, if at all possible, on Monday or Tuesday, before the visitors from overseas arrive. Complete programs, announce-ments, and invitations to social functions will be handed out on registration.