



—Tevonde

Mr. Raymond Massey, a Torontonian, who has attained a place of distinction in the London, England, theatrical world

THERE are few families in Canada about which tradition hangs so persistently as the Roberts of Fredericton, N.B. They are like the Roosevelts or the Clays in the United States—some one of them is ever appearing in the midst of things, usually with distinction. Among the last two Roberts generations, it is Charles George Douglas, usually recognized as "Charles G. D.", writer, scholar, historian and soldier, who has taken unto himself the outstanding place.

During the years that Charles G. D. Roberts was building up his reputation as the creator of the Canadian animal story, he worked abroad. Literally hundreds of stories and poems came from his pen, and scores of books. For a time he was Associate Editor of the *Illustrated American* in New York, but he lived for years in England. During the span between 1914-18, he saw service from trooper to major in various English regiments.

Two years ago, he returned to Canada on a lecture tour, under the management of his capable daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lloyd Roberts of Ottawa. He was feted and entertained not so much after the manner of the prodigal son, as the conquering hero, and Canada was quick to do honor to a Canadian of true attainment, long absent. After a triumphal tour and renewal of old associations, Dr. Roberts was the first to receive a new award of the Royal Society of Canada, established by Dr. Lorne Pierce of Toronto. This is a medal presented annually to the Canadian accomplishing the most outstanding literary attainment of the year—or culmination of literary attainment, as in Dr. Roberts' case.

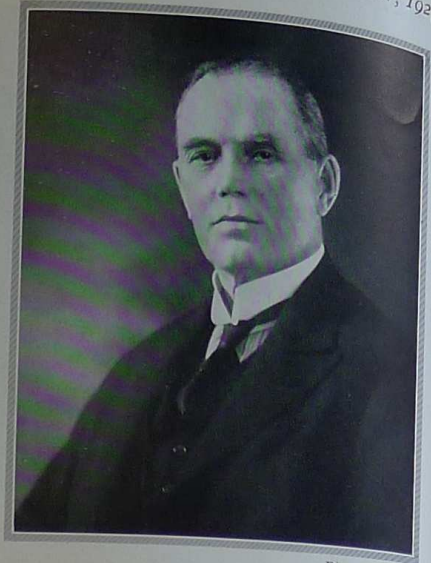
The announcement that Dr. Roberts has been appointed special lecturer in Canadian Literature at the University of British Columbia, brings to mind his early scholastic attainment and pedagogical training—those far distant days

when he carried off medals for Latin, Greek and Latin Essay at the University of New Brunswick, graduated with honors in metaphysics, ethics and political economy and became headmaster of Chatham Grammar School. Later he was professor of English and French Literature in King's College, Nova Scotia, and finally of English and Economics. At about that period, too, he edited *The Week*, a literary journal of high pretensions—but, alas, scant appreciation in those days. The list of his books of Canadian history, wild life and verse is too long to enumerate, but since his return to Canada, local libraries have been called upon so often for his work, that there are few sizeable centres where one cannot find a nearly complete collection.

"I MAINTAIN that we have amongst us just that amount of communicable disease, which we wish to have, no more, no less," this was the somewhat startling statement which was made recently to the Samaritan Club by Dr. James L. Biggar, Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross Society, when he delivered a characteristically brilliant and forceful address on *Preventive Versus Curative Medicine*. This speech was like all others of the Commissioner, packed full of medical knowledge in its most attractive form, replete with memorable phrases, and sparkling with that enthusiasm and erudition for which Dr. Biggar has long been well known.



Charles G. D. Roberts, M.A., LL.D., after the portrait by Allan Barr



—Rice, Montreal

Sir Herbert S. Holt, LL.D., one of the outstanding business executives of the Dominion, lately honored by McGill University

Though only in the last year appointed to his present important post and though for many years an *absentee* Torontonian, following his school days at Upper Canada College and his Arts and Medical courses at Toronto University, Dr. Biggar has a wide circle of friends in these parts, as both himself and his charming wife come of families prominent then and later in the social and political life of Toronto.

Dr. Biggar is the second son of the late C. R. Biggar, K.C., who was for a long period city solicitor in Toronto, and is a grandson of Sir Oliver Mowat, one of the most able Premiers of Ontario. Dr. Biggar's elder brother is the equally well known Colonel O. M. Biggar, who was until recently, chief electoral officer of the Dominion Government. Both brothers have lived in Ottawa since the War, where Dr. Biggar, before assuming his present position, was Assistant Director of Medical Services in the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment.

Dr. Biggar has had a long connection with military matters in Canada, as he served in both the South African and the Great Wars. In his undergraduate years, he went out with the Tenth Canadian Field Hospital, which was the only medical unit Canada sent to South Africa. During the Great War, Dr. Biggar served first as Medical Officer of the 88th Battalion, in the British Army, but was later made Lieutenant-Colonel in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces and organized the 13th Canadian Field Ambulance to which he was attached until 1917.

Dr. Biggar married the only daughter of Mrs. McMurrich and the late W. B. McMurrich, K.C., thus uniting two old Toronto families. Their return to their native city has been, therefore, in the nature of a home-coming and is a distinct addition to the social, philanthropic and medical circles of the Queen City.