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memory, it is fortunate when he can be persuaded to record his impressions and doubly fortunate when he is gifted with the talent of the literary raconteur. Ottawa of late has daily been enjoying a series of singularly charming and lively recollections in *The Journal*. Mr. P. D. Ross, one of the oldest and most respected newspaper publishers in Canada, has been contributing a retrospective column for the entertainment of his readers. It is to be hoped that they may be collected and preserved in book form, for they are of a broadly attractive character and of almost historic worth.

As newspaperman, occasional politician, businessman, and publisher Mr. Ross during his lifetime has come into intimate contact with many persons of interest for one reason or another, and is now writing his impressions and recalling various good yarns associated with them. Strange, the nature of the works of men that live. Mr. Ross has written oft and brilliantly upon national problems and political issues, but I doubt whether anything is treasured in the minds of his admirers more than his touching editorial upon the death of his dog. It was a classic of its kind, like unto the oft quoted editorial in the *New York Sun* addressed to the little boy who asked if it were true that there was no Santa Claus!

The capital has been graced by many men of letters, Mr. J. E. MacPherson pointed out recently, and among those who have conveyed to newspaper readers the charming from life and from literature have been the late Martin Griffin, Librarian of Parliament; and his successor to office, the

Hon. Martin Burrell, who writes weekly reviews; and his successor as literary contributor to the columns of the *Montreal Gazette*, Charles Handbury-Williams, "The Raconteur."

The British High Commissioner and Lady Clark, accompanied by their two daughters, sail for England aboard the *Duchess of Bedford* on May 10. It is expected that *Ernscliffe*, the one-time home of Sir John A. Macdonald which has been purchased by the British Government, and the appropriation for which was approved recently by the House of Commons, will be ready for occupation upon their return. Although little enlargement or extension of the house is planned, it will be renovated and redecorated and slightly altered within.

Leaving Ottawa about the same time will be Mrs. J. A. Wilson, president of the National Council of Women, who is travelling overseas to attend the quinquennial meeting of the International Council of Women at Vienna. She took a prominent part in the congratulatory reception given some short time ago to Mrs. N. F. Wilson, now Hon. Cairine Wilson; and it is interesting to observe that these two with similar names have each played prominent parts in the public life of Canada. The latter has achieved outstanding fame as first woman to be elected to the Senate; but it is doubtful if there are many other women in the world who have reached the heights achieved by the former, as during her earlier life she was a keen mountain climber and charter member of the Alpine Club of Canada with a number of "first ascents" to her credit.

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