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The announcement, made by cable some days since that Her Majesty had been pleased to call Sir John Rose to the Most Honourable the Privy Council will doubtless have been read by many of his old friends in Canada with feelings of the warmest satisfaction. Although a Scotchman by birth, Sir John Rose, like his distinguished fellow-countryman and former political leader, Sir John Macdonald, was in early life transplanted to our own congenial soil, and here his youth and early manhood were spent. For many years he held a distinguished position at the Bar of Lower Canada, and at a time when silk gowns were less numerous than they have since become, was one of those, although young in years, who was deemed eligible to wear this much coveted badge of professional distinction. In 1856 he was taken by Sir George Cartier from the ranks of the profession, without previous parliamentary experience, and made Solicitor-General. He continued to hold office under Sir George Cartier and Sir John Macdonald, and was a member of Sir John's Cabinet after the accomplishment of the great work of Confederation, holding the office of Minister of Finance therein. In each and every position he left behind him a record of duty ably, successfully and faithfully performed. In 1869 he retired from political life in Canada for the purpose of joining an eminent London banking firm. Since then his residence has been in England, and his career there has been illustrated by a succession of triumphs, commercially, politically, socially. He has been, according to public rumour, the trusted agent...
and adviser of the Colonial Office, and as an acknowledgment of a special service rendered the government in connection with the transfer of the Hudson’s Bay Territories to Canada was appointed in 1870, a Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George. In 1872 he was created a Baronet of the United Kingdom, and some years later was advanced to the dignity of a Grand Cross of the Order above mentioned. Last year the Prince of Wales, whom Sir John Rose, as Commissioner of Public Works, had the honour of attending when the Prince paid his famous visit to Canada in 1860 and between whom a deep and abiding friendship would seem to have arisen, appointed him Receiver-General of the Duchy of Cornwall—an office in the personal gift of His Royal Highness. He is now a Privy Councillor—the second Canadian, if we may still so regard him, to hold the office—Sir John Macdonald having been the first. His career from the start has been marvellously successful, but not one whit more, as his friends are proud to believe, than his many merits and valuable public services would lead them to look for. This will be the view entertained by all Canadians and indeed of everyone acquainted with the man, and who, one and all, we trust will unite with us in wishing continued success, length of years and every happiness to the Right Honorable gentleman. Sir John Rose has not as yet secured a seat in the Imperial Parliament. This is to be regretted, as his ripe experience and mature knowledge touching all matters affecting the interests of the Dominion and the colonies at large would make his presence there a source of con-
tentment to us and of much value we have no doubt to the Imperial authorities. We trust such an event is only deferred, and that before very long we may be afforded the further pleasure of chronicling his election to the House of Commons, or better still, his elevation to the House of Lords.

Canadians, at all events, will have no reason to complain of a want of recognition in the distribution of royal favours, Her Majesty during recent years having been specially gracious to our public men in the bestowal of rewards of this character. Scarcely two years have passed since the whole country was rejoicing over the signal mark of royal favour—the Grand Cross of the Bath—which the Sovereign was pleased to confer on Sir John Macdonald on the occasion of his completing forty years in the service of his Queen and country. Since then Sir Charles Tupper has been advanced to the full dignity of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (having previously been tendered by the King of the Belgians the Grand Cordon of the Order of Leopold), and the public have been also not a little gratified at the well merited recognition extended to a Minister so courteous, so capable and so liberal-minded as Sir Adolphe Caron, (who by the way was a student of Sir John Rose) and to private citizens, so enthusiastic, so public-spirited, so enterprising and withal so full ofpluck as Sir Donald Smith and Sir George Stephen. Nor must we fail to notice the reward extended to the bench in the person of Sir Collis Meredith; to science in the person of Sir Wm. Dawson; to literature in the person of the late Dr. Alpheus Todd;
to arms in the person of the late Colonel Dyke and others, and to journalism in the person of that versatile and always graceful writer, M. Hector Fabre. These manifestations of the Sovereign's pleasure and regard, increasing in frequency as they have been of late, and extending from high Officers of State to all branches of the public service, to the heads of the professions and to men of mind and character in other walks of life, speak eloquently of our growing importance as a country and a people, and of the nearer and more intimate relations springing up between this great colony and the great Empire to which it is at once our happiness and our privilege to belong.