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CLEVER CHARACTER SKETCH OF PRESIDENT CHAMBERLAIN

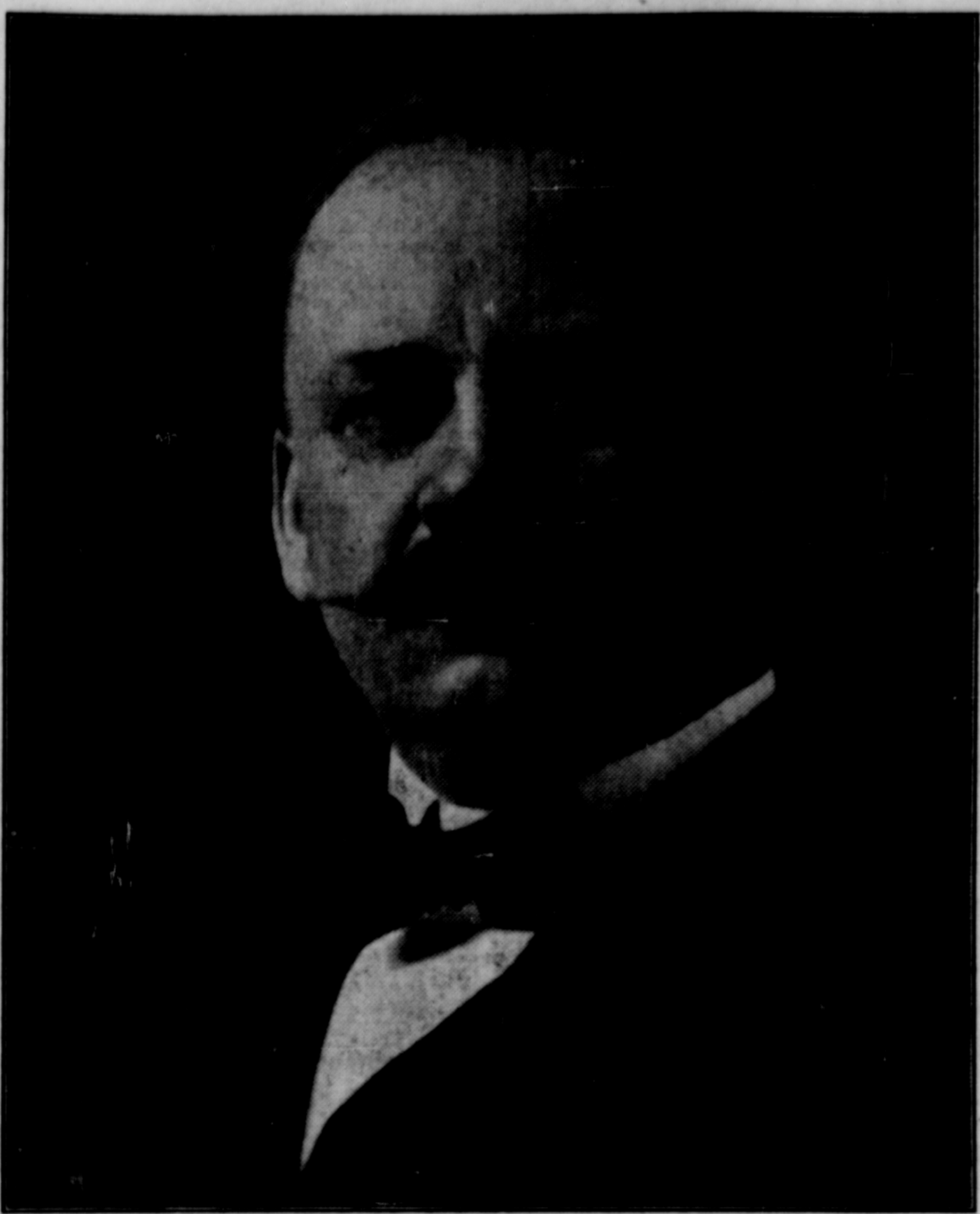
FROM THE SERIES OF "HOURS WITH NATION BUILDERS" BY
C. LINTERN SIBLY.

Opportunity—what a golden word that is, and on what slight threads it of doth hang.

Mr. Chamberlain had been carrying out railroad contracts in Mexico and took a notion to run up to Canada. He had an hour or two to spare between trains in Montreal, and to while away the time he decided to call at the Grand Trunk headquarters to shake hands with Mr. Hays.

There had come, like a bolt from the blue, the dramatic resignation of Mr. Frank Morse from the position of vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, then in the

no man think that the President of the Grand Trunk system is a soft snap. There is enough worry attached to it to send a highly-strung man to the lunatic asylum. There are enough big problems to solve every day to tax the judgment of a Solomon. But it is all plain sailing under summer skies to Mr. Chamberlain. He refuses to be worried. He goes about his work with the air of a man who has heaps of time to do it in. But if he is unhurrying he is also un-resting. He has his finger on every department, and under the velvet touch is concealed the grip



PRESIDENT E. J. CHAMBERLAIN

critical stage of construction. And there was not a single available man in sight who was considered capable of taking hold of the constructive end of that gigantic enterprise and carrying it to a successful conclusion.

The next morning Mr. Hays himself told me what happened.

"I was sitting at my desk," he said, "wondering who I could possibly get to take up the position so suddenly vacated by Mr. Morse, when there came a knock at my door, and a clerk brought in a card. On the card was the name 'Edson J. Chamberlain.' The very man, I exclaimed, Mr. Chamberlain came in, and I nearly took his breath away by asking him to join the system as the General Manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific. He had not till then heard the slightest hint of Mr. Morse's resignation."

And here is where you get an insight into the character of the man. He started as a poor boy on one of the lowest rungs of the railroad ladder. After years of incessant labor, daring enterprise, and heavy responsibilities he realized a fortune, and arrived in the prime of life, just past fifty, he had visions of well-earned ease and recreation.

Mr. Chamberlain put aside the golden vision that all men dream of, and so few can realize. He chose instead the tremendous task in which he is now engaged. At the very prime of his life the opportunity of his life had come—the opportunity for service. And service he chose instead of ease.

It is by his actions rather than his words that you have to judge Mr. Chamberlain. For he refuses to talk about himself. Also he makes no speeches, invents no epigrams, emits no philosophic views on life in general, and will not admit that he has now, or ever had, any aims. He is a big, pleasant, quite-voiced, slow-speaking, good-humored man. Meeting him casually, you would say he was a man of the open-air rather than of the office. He has the action and the air of a man of action; his face is the face of a man more accustomed to sun and wind than to electric light and artificially heated air. And as a matter of fact, that is true, for it was as a practical railroad builder that he made his best successes prior to his coming to the Grand Trunk.

Now that he is largely an office man, holding a purely administrative position, he brings to his task much of the bigness and serenity of the open air. Let

of steel. Efficiency seems to be his keynote, and he keeps every unit of the vast organization keyed up to the standard.

Like Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Mr. Chamberlain is an American by birth. His native place is Lancaster, in New Hampshire, and he began railroading as a clerk on the Central Vermont at St. Albans. He was forging away to the front on that line when Mr. J. R. Booth, the lumber king at Ottawa, got to hear of him. Mr. Booth had some vast timber limits to the west of Ottawa, and he wanted to build a railway through the territory to bring out the logs. He gave his projected line the grandiloquent name of the Canada Atlantic Railway, and asked Mr. Chamberlain to come and build it. Mr. Chamberlain complied, to such mutual satisfaction that when the last spike was driven he took over the position of general manager with headquarters at Ottawa, and ran the line until it was taken over by the Grand Trunk in May, 1905. He had been connected with the enterprise for nineteen years.

Meanwhile Mr. Chamberlain had learned something about the lumber business, and had made money for himself in that line. But railroading was his chosen work, and he did well as a railroad contractor. He had just about completed important contracts in Mexico, where he became president of the Morelia and Tacambra railway, when the casual call on Mr. Hays came as the prelude to a new chapter in his career.

Besides his extensive experience and knowledge of railroad affairs, Mr. Chamberlain has two other eminent qualifications for his present position. One is his ability to command the respect and personal esteem of every man in the service, from the highest official to the humblest section-man. All the railroad men on the Grand Trunk like him—there is no doubt of that. The other qualification is his diplomacy—he is persona grata with the powers that be at Ottawa.

His long residence in Ottawa laid the foundation of his broad knowledge of Canadian affairs, and he has long had the close personal friendship of many of Canada's leading statesmen. He loves Ottawa, and although for the last eight years he has spent but little time there, he has all along kept his Ottawa home going. Even now that he is permanently stationed in Montreal he still looks on Ottawa as his home, and he is never more de-

lighted than when he can go "home" for a week-end.

Mr. Chamberlain has one recreation in which he takes great delight, and that is golf. Whenever he can snatch a day to get away to the course of the Ottawa Golf Club, of which he is president, he is delighted. But such days are few, even though he is a rich man—for he has chosen service rather than leisure with which to fill out the crowning years of his life.

Newsy Lalonde Lonesome.

"Newsy" Lalonde is going to be one right down lonesome lacrosse player this year. "Newsy" is of the \$5,000 beauty class and won't play outside of that company. There is going to be no \$5,000 company this year, which will be the reason for "Newsy's" lonesomeness.

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Granby Copper Bond Issue.

T. M. Sylvester, assistant general manager of the Granby Copper Company, states that arrangements have been completed for the sale of the five million dollar bond issue of the company.

His Tactics

Grand Vizier—Your Majesty, the cream of our army has been whipped, and is now freezing. What would you advise?

Sultan—Add a few cherries and serve.—Puck.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICES.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast, Range V.
Take notice that I, Daniel Brenton Kenney, of Terrace, B. C., occupation farmer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of Lot 5130, thence north 40 chains, thence east 30 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 30 chains to the point of commencement, containing 120 acres more or less.

Dated March 13th, 1913.
Pub. April 7th to June 2nd.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast, Range V.

Take notice that George W. Carpenter, of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted 2 1/2 miles east of Quinista River, on the Skeena River, thence 40 chains north, thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains east to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

Dated January 23rd, 1913.
Pub. Feb. 10th, 1913—Apr. 7th, 1913.

Skeena Land District—District of Cassiar, Range V.

Take notice that Bernard O'Neill, of Goose Bay, B. C., occupation prospector, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted one mile distant and in southerly direction from the Hidden Creek Copper Company's wharf, Goose Bay, B. C., thence east following the sinuosities of the shore line 80 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 30 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

Dated January 31st, 1913.
Pub. Feb. 10, 1913—Apr. 7th, 1913.

Omineca Land District—District of Cassiar, Range V.

Take notice that I, R. D. Rorison, financial agent, of Vancouver, B. C., 60 days after date intend to apply to Chief Commissioner of Lands to purchase Lot 915 A, Cassiar district, Skeena River, containing 43.7 acres more or less.

Dated Feb. 5th, 1913.
R. D. RORISON.
F. W. McCrady, Agent.
Mar. 3-Apr. 28.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast, Range V.

TAKE NOTICE that Frank Knott, of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation baker, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the N.W. corner of T.L. 30945, thence south 80 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence north 60 chains more or less to the south bank of the Skeena River; thence north easterly along the said bank of the Skeena River to the point of commencement, containing 150 acres more or less.

Dated Feb. 24, 1913.
H. D. LENHART, Agent.
Pub. March 17 to May 12—13

Skeena Land District—District of Coast, Range V.

TAKE NOTICE that Eugene Renz, of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation cook, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the N.E. corner of T.L. 30945, thence north 20 chains, thence east 15 chains, more or less, to the west boundary of John McKechney's pre-emption; thence south 20 chains, more or less to the east boundary T.L. 30945; thence north 20 chains, more or less to the point of commencement, containing 90 acres more or less.

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