

Lonsdale, Loved by Men, Noted Traveller Really Great Sportsman

ON April 15 (By Thos. T. Champion, Canadian Staff Correspondent)—For seven centuries the house of Lowther has been firmly established in the north of England. Today the allegiance of the Earl of Lonsdale and Westmoreland to this family is as fervid as it was when the first Lowther came to the north. Hugh Cecil Lonsdale, the eighth Earl of Lonsdale, has occurred, a devotion more than was given to his line of his ancestor. The length of his life has been far beyond its years. He is acclaimed as a sportsman, and after his life was devoted mainly to active participation in and generous encouragement of many kinds of manly sport. This is not to say that he neglected the high duties of citizenship. He was for some years Lord Lieutenant of Cumberland, also chairman of the Quarter Sessions for Westmoreland, and took a leading part in philanthropic enterprise in both counties. Nevertheless it was in his contact with all classes of the community in so many categories of sportsmanship that he manifested qualities which endeared him to men of English breeding the world over.

In his younger days Lord Lonsdale was an adventurous traveller. Soon after his marriage he took her Ladyship on an extended tour in the Rocky Mountains. Travelling in those parts 50 years ago was of course a very different proposition from what it is now. For several months the Earl and Countess roughed it in the truest sense. Some years later Lord Lonsdale went on his own account into the Canadian North-

west. Long afterwards he used to declare half-seriously that the credit for discovering the Klondike really belonged to himself, for he maintained he had been on the spot years before the great gold-rush set in. At home Lord Lonsdale had many opportunities for proving his skill with the gun, for he was owner of probably the most extensive game preserves in the North of England, and of the only forest in that part of these islands where the wild deer still flourishes. Lord Lonsdale, though, probably considered feats in this direction as among his minor achievements. The great entrance hall and corridors of Lowther Castle are covered today with trophies of what he achieved in hunting almost every big creature, from a moose to a crocodile.

VERSATILE AS ATHLETE

His astonishing versatility in the way of athletics can only be touched upon here. As a young man and at the instigation of the Duke of Beaufort and Sir John Astley he undertook to

walk on the Great North Road 100 miles in 24 hours. The actual walking time was only 18 hours and he reached Ram Jam, near Stamford, with a comfortable margin in hand. There was also the memorable contest, as a result of a challenge from the Earl of Shrewsbury, to cover 20 miles within an hour, using four combinations of horses. The road was between Reigate and Crawley, when there was much snow and ice. Lord Lonsdale used a one-horse buggy, a buggy with a pair of American trotters, a team of four with a sharabanc, and in the last lap he rode postilion, accomplishing the feat in just 57 minutes.

At five years of age Lord Lonsdale was following the Quorn Hounds. In the year of his marriage he won with his own mare, the Queen, the Rutland Welter Drag Hunt Club at Newmarket—the longest race in England. In after years he was master at different times of the Woodland Pychley, the Quorn, and the Cottesmore Hunts. In the county of Westmoreland he

revived coursing. The Lowther hound trial and sheep-dog trials are another feature of life in the dales which owe much to his interest. Dalesmen too are grateful to him for reviving wrestling in the Cumberland and Westmoreland style. Yachting was also for a considerable span of years one of the Earl's sports. In one season he won 36 events out of 46 starts. For three seasons the ex-German Emperor's racing yacht.

One might continue almost indefinitely to catalogue the extraordinary list of the late Earl's activity in the realm of sport. His associations with the Turf and the Show Ring are too well known to call for detail. Lord Lonsdale became a member of the Jockey Club in 1908 and a steward in 1923. His first success of note as an owner was not reached until 1922 when he won the St. Leger with Royal Lancer. In coursing he won the Waterloo Cup in 1923 with Latto. From his boyhood he was keenly interested in boxing. It was largely through his efforts that the National Sporting Club

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Railway Head Emphasizes Importance of Full Support for Victory Loan.

MONTREAL, April 15—In a letter to all Canadian National Railway employees urging full support of the sixth Victory Loan, R. C. Vaughan, president and chairman of the board of directors, refers to the warning issued by the Prime Minister in the Canadian House of Commons. "We are in times that are very grave indeed," Mr. Vaughan continues. "We cannot afford to ignore this warning, considering the source from which it comes. It is our duty to heed it and to support our government to the full in meeting the crisis. We can render this help effectively and immediately by throwing the full weight of our financial support behind the sixth Victory Loan campaign."





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A memorable tribute was given this prince of sportsmen when the Countess and himself celebrated their golden wedding in the summer of 1928. In the presence of 10,000 spectators at the International Horse Show the Prince of Wales presented the Earl with a gold casket. On the panels were depictions of the sports with which the Earl had been closely identified—hunting, flat-racing, steeple-chasing, coursing, boxing, shooting, stalking and yachting. The subscriptions for this gift came from sportsmen the world over, ranging in rank from dukes to costermongers. A big balance remained, which Lord Lonsdale placed in the hands of trustees to be administered for the benefit of those who had participated in sport and had been incapacitated or fallen otherwise on bad days. In returning thanks Lord Lonsdale said: "I have always maintained, and maintain now, that the greatest friendships, national as well as individual, are made on the fields of sport. Whatever my wife and I have done for sport we have done because of our love for it, and because of the friendships we have made in association with it." The golden wedding celebrations at Lord Lonsdale's London home were honored by the presence of the King and Queen. It was at this gathering, incidentally, that their Majesties witnessed their first cabaret show. A few months later Lord Lonsdale was created a Knight of the Garter.

WAS GREAT SPORTSMAN

Lord Lonsdale was a great sportsman, not merely in the conventional sense, but by reason of his wide charity to all men and women, and in his chivalrous consideration at all times for their feelings. His command of any situation which might suddenly turn up when a man of less ability would probably have been embarrassed or provoked, was a constant admiration and delight. Although he was far from being an anti-feminist there were some directions so far as sport was concerned where he did not wish to see women proceed further. He used all his great influence to stop boxing contests between women. The idea of them even was a horror to him. He also exercised his influence against women entering rowing matches.

Lord Lonsdale will be succeeded in the title by his brother, Capt. Hon. Lancelot Ed. Lowther, born in 1867, who served with distinction with the Border Regiment in the Great War.

Miss May Birtch Shower Honoree

Mrs. W. J. Bolam and Mrs. Alex McGregor entertained at a miscellaneous shower on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. H. Cameron, Eighth Avenue East, in honor of Miss Mae Birtch, a bride-elect of April 20. An enjoyable evening was spent playing games and in community singing. The guest of honor was recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts.

Among those present were Mesdames Cameron, Prior, McMurchie, Oliver, Guelpha, Griffiths, Hansen, Veitch, Davies, Dixon, Ritchie, Dickens, Currie, Heater, and the Misses Birtch, Gillespie, Johnson and Waldo.

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