

SIX NEW KNIGHTS

New Year Honors NONE FOR S.A.

Mr. Latham Created Privy Councillor

MR. LYONS'S CHAUFFEUR HONORED

In the list of New Year honors announced yesterday, there are six new knights, four of whom have been so honored on the recommendation of the Commonwealth Government, which has the largest list.

No honors have been conferred on South Australians.

The new knights are Sir Henry Gullett, Minister for Trade and Customs, in recognition of his splendid work at the Ottawa Conference, Sir Walter Kingsmill, former President of the Senate, Sir Herbert Gepp, Commonwealth consultant on development, Sir John McKelvey, a Sydney surgeon, Senator Sir Henry Lawson, a former Premier of Victoria, and Sir Samuel Walder, a former Lord Mayor of Sydney.

Mr. Latham, Federal Attorney-General, has been made a Privy Councillor, which gives him the right to the words "Right Honorable" appearing before his name. Professor Copland, the economist, has been given a C.M.G., and several appointments on the British Empire decorations list have been made.

Democratic Touch

Mr. Lyons's first New Year's honor list is a thoroughly comprehensive one, says our Canberra correspondent, giving recognition to prominent people in all grades of Australian life. A democratic touch is the award for the first time in Australia of the medal of the British Empire, Civil Division, for meritorious service, conferred upon the Prime Minister's Messenger (Mr. Chidgey), and upon the Prime Minister's chauffeur (Mr. R. J. Tracy).

The British Empire medal is a decoration created specially for recognition of public service of this character, but no previous Government has recommended anyone for it. Mr. Lyons takes the view that the Royal favor must not be considered as being restricted solely to people in the higher ranks of life, but that the Commonwealth Government should take advantage of the opportunity provided by the King for recognising the work of lower paid public servants.

The Governor-General (Sir Isaac Isaacs) announced yesterday the following Commonwealth honors:—

Privy Councillor

Mr. John Greig Latham, C.M.G., K.C., M.A., LL.B., M.H.R., Attorney-General of the Commonwealth.

K.C.M.G.

Henry Somer Gullett, M.H.R., Minister for Trade and Customs.

C.M.G.

Professor Douglas Berry Copland, M.A., D.S.C., Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, Melbourne University.

Stuart Gordon McFarlane, I.S.O., M.B.E., Assistant Secretary to the Commonwealth Treasury.

Knights Bachelor

Senator Walter Kingsmill, President of the Senate, 1929-1932.

Mr. John Lawrence McKelvey, surgeon, of Sydney.

Mr. Herbert William Gepp, chairman of the Consultative Committee Advisory to the Commonwealth Government on Development.

C.B.E. (Civil Division)

Mr. Edwin Abbott, Deputy Comptroller-General of the Department of Trade and Customs.

Mrs. Alice Baker, of Melbourne, widow of Mr. Thomas Baker.

O.B.E. (Civil Division)

Mr. August Bolle, loans officer, Commonwealth Treasury.

Mr. George Alexander Whitlam, of the Prime Minister's Department.

M.B.E. (Civil Division) For Meritorious Service

Mr. Oliver Alexander Chidgey, Ministerial and Prime Minister's Messenger and, since 1921, Principal Messenger to the Federal Cabinet.

Mr. Raymond John Tracy, chauffeur to the Prime Minister from 1919 to 1923; chauffeur to the Treasurer, 1923-1931; and chauffeur to the Prime Minister from January, 1932.

Leading Lawyer And Politician

MR. LATHAM, who has received the high distinction of P.C., was conspicuous for an act of political self-sacrifice in handing over the leadership of the Nationalist forces to Mr. J. A. Lyons in a time of crisis, and thereby relinquishing his opportunity of becoming Prime Minister of Australia. He was born at Ascot Vale, Victoria, and after a brilliant career in philosophy at the Melbourne University, he was called to the Bar in 1904. At the outbreak of war he offered his services to the military authorities, but after some time in camp the Navy Office induced him to join the Intelligence branch. As a lieutenant-commander he accompanied Sir Joseph Cook to London. He was made assistant secretary to the British Empire Delegation, and was British secretary to the Allied Commission on Czecho-Slovakian affairs. In 1926, as head of the Australian delegation, he was one of the outstanding figures at the League of Nations Conference at Geneva. As an Independent, Mr. Latham wrested the Kooyong (Vic.) seat from Sir Robert Best in 1922, and his ability was quickly recognised by Mr. S. M. Bruce, Prime Minister, who took him in as his Attorney-General. On the defeat of the Bruce-Page Government he was elected leader of the Opposition.

For Great Work At Ottawa

Sir HENRY GULLETT was Australia's second delegate to the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa. He began life as a farmer, and joined the editorial staff of the "Sydney Morning Herald" in 1900 as an agricultural writer. In 1908 he went to England as London correspondent for a group of Sydney newspapers. During this period he was engaged on work connected with Empire migrations, and in 1910 he visited the United States of America to enquire into irrigation matters.

He enlisted for active service in 1916, becoming one of the Australian correspondents with the British and French armies in France, and with the A.I.F. in Palestine. He is the author of volume VII. of the "History of Australia in the Great War," which deals with the exploits of the A.I.F. in Sinai and Palestine.

In 1920 Sir Henry Gullett was appointed Director of Immigration. He entered Parliament in 1925, as member for Henty, which seat he still holds. In 1928-1929 he was Minister for Customs in the Bruce-Page Government, and becoming deputy leader of the Opposition, was again appointed to this portfolio when the Lyons Government came into power.

Noted Economist

PROFESSOR COPLAND, C.M.G., has been Dean of the Faculty of Commerce at the University of Melbourne since 1924. He has rendered eminent service to the Commonwealth in advising upon measures for dealing with the economic crisis. He was educated at Canterbury, New Zealand, and graduated with first class honors in New Zealand in 1915. He was awarded a Doctorate of Science in 1925 for his research into currency and finance in Australia.

Among the important posts which Professor Copland has held are Lecturer in History and Economics in the University of Tasmania, 1917; Professor of Economics, University of Tasmania, 1920; Joseph Fisher Lecturer of Commerce University of Adelaide, 1921; first president of the Economic Society of Australia and New Zealand, 1925-1927; representative in Australia of the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial, 1926-1928; member of the economic committee appointed by the Commonwealth to report on the tariff, 1928.

Professor Copland is editor-in-chief of the "Economic Record."

Associated With Premiers' Plan

MR. S. G. McFARLANE, C.M.G., has given valuable service to the Commonwealth Government in relation to the economic crisis. He was actively associated with the formulation of the Premiers' Plan. He is secretary to the Australian Loan Council and the National Debt Commission.

Former Senate President

SIR WALTER KINGSMILL was President of the Senate from 1929-1932. He was educated at St. Peter's College, Adelaide, and is a graduate of the University of Adelaide. He went to Western Australia as a mining engineer in 1888, becoming a prominent figure in Western Australian politics. He held office several times, becoming President of the Legislative Council, 1919-1922. He was elected to the Senate in 1922, and is president of the Royal Society of Australia.

Leading Australian Surgeon

SIR JOHN MCKELVEY is one of the leading surgeons of Sydney. He

is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, and is regarded as the successor to the late Sir Alexander MacCormick as the doyen of New South Wales surgeons.

Adviser On Development Work

SIR HERBERT GEPP is chairman of the consultative committee advising the Commonwealth Government on development. He was formerly chairman of the Commonwealth Development and Migration Commission. Before taking this position he was a prominent metallurgist, general manager of the Electrolytic Zinc Co. of Australia, 1916, and President of the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy of Australia, 1924. He began his metallurgical career as a junior chemist with Nobel's Explosives Co. in Glasgow in 1896.

Founder Of Medical Research Institute

MRS ALICE BAKER is the widow of Thomas Baker, a former managing director of Kodak (Australia) Ltd., through whose beneficence the Thomas Baker-Alice Baker and Eleanor Shaw Medical Research Institute was established at the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne. This institute has been maintained since Mr. Baker's death by a contribution from his estate at the rate of £6,500 a year.

Federal Officials

MR. G. A. WHITLAM is an officer of the Prime Minister's Department. When in the Victorian State service he was private secretary to Mr. W. A. Watt, then Treasurer of Victoria. He was attached to the High Commissioner's staff in London from 1923 to 1927.

MR. A. BOLLE, who retired from the Commonwealth Treasury at the end of 1932, is a former officer of the Victorian Treasury. He was loans officer to the Commonwealth Treasury from 1926 to his retirement.

MR. ABBOTT has had a long and distinguished service with the Customs Department. He was adviser on tariff matters to the Australian delegation to the 1930 Imperial Conference, and also secretary to the delegation. Mr. Abbott was also chief adviser on tariff matters to the Australian delegation to the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa last year.

Messenger To Four Prime Ministers

MR. CHIDGEY who, though a young man, has 20 years of service to his credit, has been messenger to four Prime Ministers, during which time he has been in daily contact with the great ones of Australian public life, and has necessarily been entrusted with official secrets of the highest importance. He is the one Commonwealth officer entitled to enter the Cabinet room after Cabinet has assembled. Mr. Chidgey is a singularly tactful, discreet and obliging officer, and is extremely popular at Canberra.

Chauffeur To Prime Ministers

MR. TRACY has been chauffeur to four successive Prime Ministers, and has made a point of seeing that Prime Ministers kept their engagements; even though traffic regulations may sometimes have to be broken. He is said to hold the record between Canberra and Sydney and Canberra and Goulburn.

FEW VICTORIAN HONORS

Knighthood For Senator Lawson

MELBOURNE, January 1.

The Lieutenant-Governor (Sir William Irvine) today announced the following Victorian honors:—

K.C.M.G.—Senator Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson.

C.B.E. (Civil Division).—Mrs. Norman E. Brookes.

O.B.E. (Civil Division).—Miss Edith Charlotte Onians.

Nine Years Premier Of Victoria

SIR HARRY LAWSON, until he was elected as a Nationalist Senator in 1928, had represented the electorate of Castlemaine in the Victorian Legislative Assembly continuously for 30 years. He was Premier of Victoria from 1915 to 1924, the longest unbroken term of office of any Victorian Premier. He is 58 years old, and is a solicitor by profession, being a member of a legal firm at Castlemaine. Before he became Premier, Sir Harry Lawson was Minister for Lands under Mr. W. A. Watt, and Minister for Lands, Attorney-General, and Solicitor-General and Minister for Education at different times under Sir Alexander Peacock. He resigned from the Legislative Assembly in 1928.

Great Hospital Worker

MRS. NORMAN MABEL BALCOMBE BROOKES has been for the last five years president of the committee of the Queen's Victoria Hospital for Women and Children, and she has been associated with some of the most important steps in the development of that institution.

Worker For Newsboys' Welfare

MISS EDITH CHARLOTTE ONIANS has devoted her whole life to the welfare of the newsboys of Melbourne, and has continued her interest in them when they have gone into business and become married. The City Newsboys' Hostel, which she established, has been a remarkably successful experiment, and Miss Onians's untiring service for the welfare of city newsboys has earned wide recognition and esteem.

NEW SOUTH WALES TITLES

Former Lord Mayor Knighted

SYDNEY, January 1.

The New Year honors conferred on New South Wales citizens included a knighthood for Mr. Samuel Walder, former Lord Mayor, and the order of C.M.G. for Dr. Bradfield, who was the engineer in charge of the Sydney Harbor bridge, and Mr. Lawrence Ennis, who supervised its construction.

SIR SAMUEL WALDER, M.L.C., was formerly Lord Mayor of Sydney, to which office he was elected in 1931 as the Reform Party's nominee. He was among the present State Government's appointments to the Legislative Council.

DR. J. J. C. BRADFIELD, C.M.G., who designed the city and suburban electric railway, and was the engineer

in charge of the Sydney Harbor bridge, is a Fellow of the Senate of the University of Sydney and chief engineer of the metropolitan railway construction, Department of Public Works. He has been associated with many important works in this State.

MR. LAWRENCE ENNIS, C.M.G., is the general manager and a director of Messrs. Dorman, Long & Co., and personally supervised the construction of the Sydney Harbor bridge. He is a native of Scotland.

C.B.E. For Professor Whitfield

PERTH, January 1.

It was announced tonight that a C.B.E. (civil division) had been conferred on Professor Hubert Edwin Whitfield, B.E., M.I.E.A., Vice-chancellor of the University of Western Australia.

Professor Whitfield is a native of Sydney, and graduated at the Sydney University. He practised as a mining engineer on the W.A. goldfields from 1902 to 1912, holding the positions of metallurgist and general manager. He became professor of engineering in 1912, and worked under the British Ministry of Munitions from 1916 to 1919.