

GEORGE HENRY BARNARD



George Henry Barnard was born Oct. 9 1868 in Victoria, the son of Francis Jones Barnard and Ellen Stillman. He married Ethel Burnham Rogers, daughter of Lieut.Col. H. C. Rogers, Postmaster of Peterboro, Ontario on 5 June 1895 in Ashburnham Peterborough Ontario.

He was educated at Trinity College School, Port Hope, and qualified for the law, entering practice at Victoria. He was appointed King's Counsel on Dec. 24, 1907

George Barnard took an active interest in municipal affairs and served as Alderman, 1902-3. In 1904 he was elected Mayor of Victoria and continued in office for two years. He was first elected to the House of Commons in the general elections of 1908, as a Conservative and was re- elected in 1911. He was a member of several standing committees on railways, canals, and telegraph lines, on banking and commerce, marine and fisheries, privileges and elections, and public accounts.

On Oct. 23, 1917, he was elevated to the Senate of Canada by the newly-formed Union Government of Sir Robert Borden. The Unionist Party was formed in 1917 by Members of Parliament in Canada who supported the "Union government" formed by Sir Robert Borden during the First World War in order to enact conscription, and to govern for the remainder of the war. Borden formed the Union government with a Cabinet of twelve Conservatives, nine Liberals and Independents and one "Labour" member.

Here again as a senator George was active on special committees on free foreign trade zones, on the Canada Evidence Act, and on cancellation of leases to certain coal areas in the Province of Alberta. He continued his work on standing committees on railways, telegraphs and harbors, on divorce, and on many miscellaneous private bills.

He was appointed to a Special Joint Committee on claims of the allied Indian tribes of British Columbia as set forth in their petition submitted to Parliament in June 1926

Senator Barnard was a prominent social figure both in Victoria and Ottawa, as a member of the Union Club, Victoria, the Vancouver Club, the Rideau Club in Ottawa and the Constitutional Club in London, Eng. He was an Anglican.

The Barnard Cup is named after this family. It was started in 1911 and is presented to the Victoria rugby champion.

George Henry Barnard died January 13 1954 at Royal Jubilee Hospital at the age of 85 and is buried in Ross Bay Cemetery. He had no children.