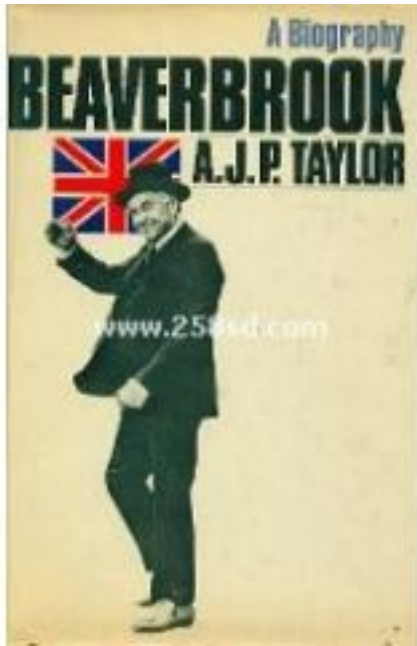


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CHAPTER ONE
THE YOUNG CANADIAN
1879-1905
"I am descended from eight or ten generations of agricultural labourers. Therefore I feel quite equal to the Cecil family with this difference - that none of my ancestors stole church funds." Thus William Maxwell Aitken, first Baron Beaverbrook, assessed his family background with a touch of romantic exaggeration which was characteristic of him. The family tree of the Aitkens, taken in 1948 from the baptismal register at Linlithgow by the editor of the Scottish Daily Express, goes back six generations, not eight or ten. The Aitkens were tenant-farmers and small businessmen, not agricultural labourers, and they too, looted church property, though on a small scale. Their farm-dwelling, Silvermine, has a few shaped stones that were no doubt quarried from the

Hospital of the
Knights of St. John at Torphichen after the Order was dissolved at the
Reformation. Still the description is broadly true. The Aitkens lived at Silvermine
as tenants of the Marquis of Linlithgow from at least 1613 when the
Baptismal Register begins until 1884. John Aitken was the first of them
on record--\ "date of birth unknown\ ". After him the tenancy passed
without interruption from father to eldest son: James Aitken born 1627; John
Aitken born 1661 ; James Aitken born 1711 ; John Aitken x752-1840.
On the latter's death yet another John Aitken born 1801 occupied
Silvermine for a few years. Then it was taken over by his second brother
Robert Aitken (1805-1874) Max Aitken's grandfather. Robert's widow
remained at Silvermine until her death in 1880 and James his youngest
son finally relinquished the tenancy in 1884. Beaverbrook tried to renew
the family connexion in 1943 and offered to buy Silvermine from the
Linlithgow estate meaning to turn it into a youth hostel. The offer was
refused--unwisely: Silvermine is still inhabited twenty years ago is now a
tumbledown ruin. Silvermine is composed of two substantial cottages of the usual one-
storeyed Scotch type run into one. The name derives from workings in
the nearby fields which provided the kings of Scotland with their supply
of silver--an appropriate background for one who became a very rich

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