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Sir Ian Zachary Malcolm KCMG (1868 - 1944)
17th Laird of Poltalloch

Director of the Suez Canal Company &
Past Chief of Clan MacCallum/Malcolm

Sir Ian became a Parliamentarian, where he became a member of a rogue group of young Conservative MP's whose aim was to persuade the Government to adopt more liberal measures on such matters as the reform of the Army. It consisted of Lord Hugh Cecil, Sir Winston Churchill, and Sir Arthur Stanley. They were known as the "Malcolmtents".

In 1919 he was appointed by the government as a Director on the board of the Suez Canal Company. The Suez Canal is a vital shipping link between the European countries and Asia. It spans 100 miles across the Isthmus of Suez connecting the Mediterranean with the Red Sea. It is the longest ship canal in the world. It is a sea level canal, and has no locks. The original expense was \$127,000,000. It's construction shortened the sailing distance between England and India by more than 5,000 miles.

Sir Ian Malcolm was made a Knight of the Order of St. Michael, and St. George, a member of the French Legion of Honour, and the Khedive of Egypt invested him with the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Nile.