

The late F. H. Mathewson, Manager of the Bank of Commerce, Montreal.



Hon. Archibald Campbell, Toronto Junction, recently called to the Canadian Senate.



Mr. A. E. Kemp, Member of Parliament for East Toronto.



Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Commissioner of Agriculture for Saskatchewan.

## the Public View In

HERE was something extremely sad in the sudden death of Mr. F. H. Mathewson, manager of the Bank of Commerce in Montreal. His horse ran away when he was taking the first sleigh-ride of the season, and he was thrown out. He seemed uninjured and drove home. Later some heart trouble developed and he soon passed away. That his death should occur just when the Bank of Commerce's new palatial structure is approaching completion and when he was able to see the fruits of many years' work in the Montreal field ripening for the harvest, seems an almost too sudden ending to a human ambition. Mr. Mathewson was well known for his breadth of view and his keen interest in all public movements.

Two of the Toronto members in the House of Commons have attracted attention in the past few weeks. Mr. A. E. Kemp made an address which was remarkable for its "baiting" of Hon. Mr. Pugsley but most important for its suggestions re election reform. He declares that the election petition is the greatest farce in existence and that private parties should not be compelled to prosecute offendars against the election acts. He believes apparently ers against the election acts. He believes, apparently, that evidence of election acts. He believes, apparently, that evidence of electoral corruption should be laid before some judicial body, and that instead of election petitions on behalf of defeated candidates, there should be public investigation and prosecutions. This would do away with the necessity of each party raising a campaign fund to cover the cost of these prosecutions. He estimates that under present conditions, fifty election protests will cost each party about \$200,000. He would also like to see an obligation laid on the attorney-generals of each province to prosecute, under the criminal code, all those found guilty of bribery and corruption. Mr. Kemp is a successful manufacturer in the city of Toronto and is reported to have some inside know-ledge as to the amount of money which a party requires to carry it through a general Dominion

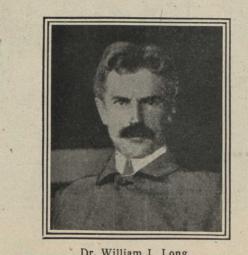
Claude Macdonell, M. P. for South Mr. Mr. Claude Macdonell, M. P. for South Toronto, has introduced a measure into the House in favour of compulsory voting. A discussion of this subject may do good, but an enactment along this line is hardly within the bounds of practical politics. The people are not yet ready for such a measure. Mr. Macdonell's Bill to shorten the notice of converient which is now required on books. of copyright which is now required on books, pictures and so on, to the words "Copyright, Canada, 190—" is a reform which has long been needed. The necessity for it is so self-evident that argument is unnecessary.

The Hon. Archibald Campbell, the new Senator from Ontario, lives in Toronto Junction, where he has a large milling business. Mr. Campbell has been one of the leaders of Ontario Liberalism for a considerable period, has been in politics for twenty-one years, and has fought seven political battles. His name was very strongly mentioned when the recent Cabinet positions were being filled and though the vacant portfolio went to Mr. Graham, it was thought advisable to give Mr. Campbell a senatorship and absolve him from further political uncertainties. In the Senate, Mr. Campbell should be a model legislator, both because of his close contact with all classes of the public and because of his long and continued interest in a large number of public questions. The bye-election in West York made necessary by Mr. Campbell's entrance to the made necessary by Mr. Campbell's entrance to the Senate will be held shortly and is made interesting by the fact that a son of the late Hon. Clarke Wallace is the Conservative candidate.

other animal." Mr. Long's first act was to suggest a silent toast to that departed poet of out-door life, Dr. William Henry Drummond. His second was to suggest that he himself had done what he could to protect game by showing that animals are vastly more interesting alive than dead. His third was to tell a series of wonderful stories about animals which

he had met, to say nothing of guides and Indians. The story by Mr. Long which has brought forth a condemnation from President Roosevelt is entitled "Wayeeses, the White Wolf." It was originally published in a large volume called "Northern Trails," but has recently been issued in separate form.

At the dinner of the Fish and Game Club at Montreal last week, Dr. W. J. Long, of Boston, writer of many animal stories, some of which are not approved by President Roosevelt, was the chief speaker. He was introduced by Cy Warman with the phrase, "The friend of you and me and every



Dr. William J. Long, The writer of Animal Stories who visited Montreal last week.

Among the other volumes are "A Little Brother to the Bear," "Brier-Patch Philosophy," "Following the Deer," "School of the Woods," and a number of others. For the general reader, "Northern Trails" will be found most characteristic and more general. Ginn & Co., of Boston, are Mr. Long's publishers.

A notable exhibition of Canadian art is now being A notable exhibition of Canadian art is now being held in Montreal, under the auspices of the Art Association of which Dr. Shepherd is the leading spirit. The exhibition is composed of oils, water colours and sculpture by Maurice Cullen, R.C.A., William Brymer, R.C.A., John Hammond, R.C.A., and A. Laliberte. The latter's modelled figures and babitant studies are much admired and give evidence. habitant studies are much admired and give evidence of a growing interest in sculpture.

British Columbia's newest sensation is the attack British Columbia's newest sensation is the attack on Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir. This gentleman is a large mine-owner and is accused of having made a contract for the importation of Japanese labour. To do such a horrible thing is, in the present state of public opinion in that province, a most criminal and despicable act. Mr. Dunsmuir, never having been very popular with the mass of the people, is probably not very much worried over the situation. In another place in this issue will be found an article on Nanaimo which gives some idea of the coal industry of Vancouver Island which has been the foundation of the Dunsmuir wealth.

Mr. R. F. Stupart, director of the Dominion Meteorological Service, has been telling the Ottawa Canadian Club about the climate of Hudson Bay and James Bay. He declares that, so far as the country between the Height of Land and James Bay is concerned the climatic and the service of is concerned, the climatic conditions are favourable to agriculture. This means that if the soil is good, Northern Ontario will yet be a farming country and the National Transcontinental may eventually be bordered by magnificent farms. An illustrated article on this region will appear in next week's issue of the "Canadian Courier."

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Saskatchewan has as Minister of Agriculture a real farmer, a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College, the organiser of the Grain Growers' Association, and the operator of a large farm in the Abernethy district—a homesteader in fact. The Hon. William Richard Motherwell was born at Perth, Ont., in 1860, and went west in 1881. After one year in Manitoba, he took up land in the Territories and commenced his life work. He takes a keen interest in all questions affecting the farmers of the West, their markets, their fuel supply, and quietly keeps their problems to the front. Recently he has been protesting against "absentee landlordism" in his Province. He speaks of one district where there is only one landowner occupying and working his farm, all the rest of the early settlers having leased their farms and retired to the city. He deprecates this deserting of the farm by men still in the prime of life.