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MEN OF TO-DAY

A Promising Sculler

FROM Hanlan to Scholes Canada has had a long string of exponents of the rowing game who have done her honour. Toronto has produced a good many of them. The Queen City has now another embryo champion who is making a bid for renown in the person of young Mr. James F. Cosgrave. Recently at St. Catharines, "Jimmy," as he prefers to be called, cleaned up three Canadian championships—which was a pretty big two days' work for a youngster of twenty-one years. He got his first notions of the oars like most Toronto boys—by struggling with big clumsy rowboats in the blue waters of Lake Ontario. About four years ago he discovered that he could pull a little faster than some of the other fellows, so he joined the Argonaut Rowing Club. The budding oarsman quickly adapted himself to the regulation shell, and, when the annual regatta of the club came round, he made the veterans sit up by winning the club championship. Eddie Durnan, at this time, remarked to a well-known sporting writer that he considered Cosgrave to have the neatest stroke in Canada. However, other critics were not so optimistic about him, holding that he was too light to do much. But "Jimmy" has taken on weight since then, and has so far justified all fond expectations by his performances at different times.



Mr. James Cosgrave,
Champion Oarsman.

An Eventful Life

MR. HONORE J. JAXON, organiser of Producers' Social and Economic Discussion Circles in Western Canada, is a former Torontonian who has had as romantic a career as any who have vamoosed from the East to the prairies. He graduated from Toronto University in the early eighties and moved to the western land before the outbreak of the now famous Indian and half-breed rebellion of 1885. He was at Fort Carleton when the fight began and threw in his lot with the rebels. There he became associated with Riel and was acting as secretary to that leader throughout the fight, although general information is to the effect that he was really the brains behind the movement of the insurgent troops. Mr. Jaxon threw in his lot with the rebels because of a peculiar belief he held, and still holds, that the fight was forced by the C. P. R. and Hudson's Bay Company officials, as an excuse for bringing the soldiers into the prairie country and thereby wresting the land from the redskins. Out west he is still expounding that theory and giving interviews which in the eastern provinces would probably lead him into serious trouble. In Saskatchewan, however, they take a different view of things, and allow him full sway. Were his speeches and interviews suppressed, he would probably rant about "free speech" and possibly gain more sympathisers than he does by his present method.

After the rebellion was suppressed, Mr. Jaxon fled to the United States, and for a time a price was on his head. Later on, however, he was pardoned, and a couple of years ago he returned to Canada. During his sojourn in the United States he was connected with the American Federation of Labour, and acted as organiser for the various branches of that association.



Mr. Cyrus Macmillan,
A new McGill Lecturer.

A Virile Canadian Teacher

MR. CYRUS MACMILLAN has joined the English department of McGill. Mr. Macmillan will not need to become used to the environment of the big Montreal college, for he is one of her sons

and a bright one at that. He is an Easterner with an Easterner's love of books. Mr. Macmillan's native town was Charlottetown, P. E. I., where he got his early training at the Prince of Wales College. He entered McGill with the class of 1901. During his stay in Montreal Mr. Macmillan accumulated quite a number of the prizes and honours of scholarship. But he was not a mere "plugger." He was renowned in athletic circles as captain of the track team which worsted the other colleges of Canada for the annual intercollegiate championship. He was also secretary of the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and he played half-back on the college intermediate football team. He found time, too, to edit the *Outlook*, the students' weekly paper, and work actively in the interests of the Literary Society. In 1903 Mr. Macmillan was through with his work at McGill, and then he went across the line to Harvard to continue his studies, believing that home-staying youths breed homely thoughts. He graduated with the degree of M. A. from the Cambridge institution in 1905. Then he put in a couple of years as Instructor in English at his old preparatory school—Prince of Wales College. In 1907 Mr. Macmillan returned to Harvard for his Ph. D. His research work at Harvard was on "The Folk Songs of Canada and their relation to those of Europe." Mr. Macmillan's Harvard thesis was the first to deal exclusively with a purely Canadian subject.

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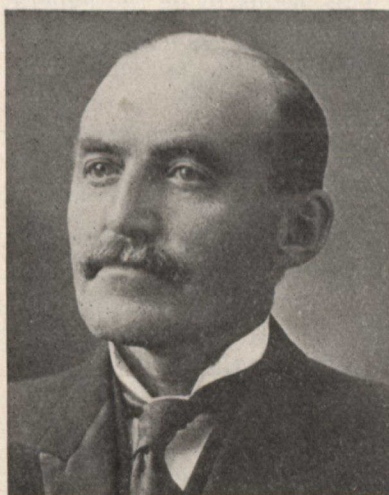
A Canadian and British Elections

CANADA has now quite a representation in the British Parliament, and will yet have another member if Mr. J. George Colclough carries the big constituency of Clapham in the Liberal interests. Mr. Colclough is a Canadian with the blood of Erin in his veins. He is a native of Sainte Cecile du Bic, County of Rimouski, where he got his early inkling of knowledge. He migrated to the British Isles about twenty years ago in order to take up the study of law at the University of Dublin. There he graduated in due course, and then took a plunge into journalism. His articles in the Irish press were widely quoted and commented upon by the big reviews of England. His exposition of politics caught the fancy of the Liberal party. He was offered the candidature for the rural constituency of Boston in Lincestershire. But the party whips were not unanimous in their choice. Some protested that Candidate Colclough's eloquence would be wasted among the yeomen of Lincestershire. So Mr. Colclough was shifted to Clapham, a division of the great city of London, where he has the task of convincing 25,000 wide-awake British electors that his politics are sound.

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The Reward of Industry

IT is a rule of the C. P. R. that all officials from the section boss to the president shall retire when the established age limit is reached. That law the other day was winked at. Mr. William Whyte, the vice-president, had his term of office lengthened by two years. This was a tribute to Mr. Whyte's services to the Company. He has been working for this great Canadian transportation system for the past twenty-five years more or less. He was one of its early officials. His first appointment was as general superintendent of all lines in Ontario west of Smith's Falls. In May, 1885, he ruled over the lines from Quebec in the East to Port Arthur in the West. His next move was farther westward. He was placed in command of the western division with headquarters at Winnipeg. Six years ago, Mr. Whyte was promoted to his present position of vice-president of the



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