

Civilian Portraits.

The Honourable Charles Murphy.

The Honourable Charles Murphy is the Minister of the civil service. It is to Mr. Murphy's department, as Secretary of State, that the Civil Service Commission is attached. As a life-long resident of Ottawa, he is well-known to a large number of civil servants.

The Honourable Charles Murphy is the son of Mr. James Murphy, of Biri, King's County, Ireland, and of Mary Conway, of Limerick, Ireland. His father was at one time a well-known contractor, who built among other important works the Pembina branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Born December 8, 1863, at Ottawa, Mr. Murphy was educated at the Christian Brothers' School, the Ottawa Collegiate Institute, and at Ottawa University, from the last of which he holds the degree of B.A. Subsequently he studied law at Osgoode Hall, Toronto. He has since practiced as a barrister at Ottawa for many years.

As lawyer and politician, Mr. Murphy's career has been an interesting one. For several years he has been the honorary solicitor of the Children's Aid Society. He has acted also in many important cases for the government, his last important appearance having been as counsel for the National Transcontinental Commission in the matter of the Hodgins' charges before a committee of Parliament. He has been President of the Ontario Young Liberals Association. He was also English secretary of the commission having charge of the revision of the statutes. His interest in sports is evidenced by the fact that he was at one time President of the Capital

Lacrosse Club of Ottawa. On October 10, 1908, Mr. Murphy was sworn in as Secretary of State for Canada, the Hon. Sir Richard Scott having resigned that office during the preceding month. At the ensuing general election Mr. Murphy successfully contested the neighboring constituency of Russell.

Said the Free Press of September 21, 1908, of Mr. Murphy:—"He is described as an astute counsel, a skilful cross-examiner, who through much practice in Parliamentary committees has become versed in the way of politicians. As President of the Federation of Liberal Clubs, Mr. Murphy stood for the higher ideals in public life, and there is every reason to believe that his elevation to cabinet rank will add to the forces making for good government. To Charles Murphy public office would never be less than a public trust."

UNFORTUNATE.

Punch says: "We are sorry that the two following paragraphs should have appeared consecutively in the Manchester Guardian:

"The Canadian Minister of Finance, the Hon. W. S. Fielding, who was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Fielding, was also a passenger by the Empress of Ireland."

"It was also alleged that they took a number of hens, valued at £2, from an adjoining hen-run."

"Man wants but little here below,
So Young and Goldsmith say,
But lovely woman wants it all,
And wants it right away."