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Men of To-Day

Horses and Horse Lovers

THIS is the season when horses and horse-lovers are somewhat in the public eye. The racing season and the trotting season have begun, but there is a broad line of demarcation between the two. The real racing man is the



AT THE WOODBINE.

Hon. W. T. White (top hat) Talking With a Friend.

owner or admirer of "running" horses. He rather looks down upon his brother who fancies trotting and pacing horses. Moreover, running races bear about the same relation to trotting races as rugby football does to soccer, or as professional baseball does to amateur baseball.

The first running races of the Canadian season take place at Toronto. Not that Toronto is the first place in Canada, but simply because Toronto is the greatest horse centre in Canada. It always was so, and it will probably remain so for many years to come. The Ontario Jockey Club is the most ancient of all such institutions in this country. Moreover, for nearly forty years it has been patronized by royalty itself, in that the Sovereign of Great Britain, Ireland, and the Dominions Overseas, has periodically contributed fifty guineas as

a prize in one of the races. This fifty guineas is only a small percentage of the stake now hung on this annual race, but it is the most important part. The guineas that come by letter of credit across the ocean have almost the value of diamonds.

The patronage of the Sovereign has been further accentuated by the patronage of his ruling representative in Canada. The Governor-General of the Dominion is promptly told when he comes to Canada that he has two important engagements each year, one to open Parliament and the other to drive in state to the opening day of the Woodbine Race Course, Toronto. This year, unfortunately, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught is in England, and the people missed the usual pageant.

A Canadian Bred Sportsman

CANADA has been blessed with several good sportsmen, with sporting standards as high as those of the typical English gentleman. Some of these have inherited this sporting blood, or even brought it across the water with them. Nevertheless, there are some good sportsmen who have been born and bred in Canada, and are as much the salt of Canadian life as the sporting gentleman of England is the salt of English life.

One of the most typical and best-beloved sportsmen of Canada is Mr. Robert Davies. While he was born of English parents, his birthplace was Toronto, and his place of education Upper Canada College. As a manufacturer and investor, "Bob" Davies has shared in the growth of Toronto and the profit resulting therefrom. Whether he was a brewer, a manufacturer of clay material, or a land owner, most of the things which Mr. Davies has touched have turned to gold. Unlike some of Canada's fortunate men he never made gold his god. Of what he received he gave freely to his friends and to the community. On his farm, in the outskirts of the city, he has for many years maintained a private racing track, and the annual gymkhana at the Davies' track has always been a popular event.

Away back in 1871 "Bob" Davies had a horse which won the Queen's Plate at Kingston. Many times since he has attempted to duplicate his performance, but unsuccessfully. Undismayed he has gone on raising colts which would be eligible for this race and will probably continue to do so for years to come. Though unsuccessful himself he is usually the first to congratulate the winner. He loves the sport, and believes that the breeding of race horses is a good thing for the country. He has been President of the Canadian Horse Breeders' Association, President of the Clydesdale Horse Association, Hon. Director of the Toronto Exhibition Association, and Vice-President of the Ontario Jockey Club. These offices prove the esteem in which Mr. Davies is held by his fellow-men, and also exhibit the breadth of his sporting sympathies.

Canada's Finance Minister

DOMINION Cabinet Ministers have not been averse to lending their patronage to the best racing meets, and the accompanying picture of the Hon. Thomas White was "snapped" at the Woodbine on opening day. Mr. White has been very much in the public eye during the past few weeks with his Budget speech, his explanation of the supplementary estimates, his handling of the new Bank Act, and his relations to the question of a special grant to the Canadian Northern Railway. Upon his shoulders Canada has placed her financial burden. His remarks are closely read by the great

financiers of New York and London. And this situation is more important than it may seem. There is an impression in these outside financial centres that Canada has been growing too fast and that her present rate of prosperity cannot be maintained. There is no reason why this fact should be suppressed. It has been Mr. White's duty to keep it in mind when framing his estimates and making speeches in regard to them. It has been his duty to try to reassure the British and foreign investor with regard to Canadian financial conditions—and the duty has been well performed.



AT THE WOODBINE.

Mr. Robert Davies (top hat), a Prominent Horse Breeder and a Patron of the Turf.

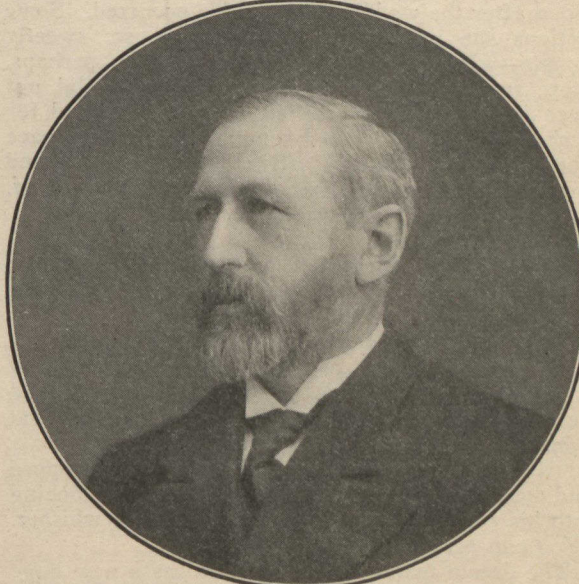
But there is another side to the public's interest in the Honourable "Tom" White. He is the only ex-Liberal in the Conservative Administration, and as such has been more or less a curiosity to the general public. They have wondered whether he would find his post sufficiently congenial to keep him enthusiastic. They have wondered if he might find the business of a politician so irksome that he would want to return to the world of finance in which he spent the best years of his life. Apparently, however, Mr. White finds his duties not uncongenial. He enjoys the debates in the House, and is quite at home in the Committee Room. He has not given the slightest sign that he intends to abandon the

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A NEW SENATOR.

Col. James Mason, General Manager Home Bank.



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Mr. E. D. Smith, Ex-M.P., Fruit Grower and Canner.