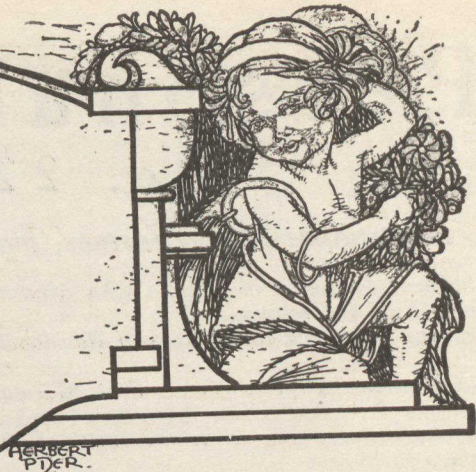




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Men of the Day

A New College President

A WELL-KNOWN Canadian, hearing of the appointment of James Alexander McLean to the presidency of the University of Manitoba, remarked that one thing he liked about the new president was his annual summer pilgrimage from an academic cloister to the old farm where he was "raised" in Middlesex county, Ontario. He thought it not a bad omen for a university situated in the heart of the granary of the Empire, that a man should be chosen as its head, who evinced such a genuine sentiment for rural life.

President McLean might be called a reclaimed Canadian. For about two decades he has been absent from the Dominion; perhaps getting experience which will help him to more expertly treat of the Canadian problems he will have to face at Manitoba. Few Canadian educationists have earned a bigger reputation abroad than Dr. McLean. For several years he has been president of the big American University of Idaho. Before that he held the chair in Political Science at Colorado, and lectured at Columbia. He has a full half dozen of degrees after his name from various institutions. He is twice doctor—Ph.D., and LL.D. And this foremost economist is only forty-four years old! President McLean's academic career began at the University of Toronto in 1892, in which year he graduated with double honours in Classics and Political Science. The President is a scholar and a man of wide sympathies.

Formerly a Canadian who rose to the eminence of an United States college president was well satisfied to stay where he was. Now that our younger universities are coming into prominence, the trek leads back to Canada, with Dr. McLean one of those in the van.

From the Bar to the Bench

ONE morning recently, the machinery for dispensing law and equity presented an extraordinary outward manifestation of change at Osgoode Hall, the long, grey building in Toronto where are housed the chief courts of the Province of Ontario. Writs which for thirty years had been issued in the name of Sir John Boyd, president of the High Court of Justice, now bore the endorsement of Sir William Ralph Meredith, of the Supreme Court of Ontario. New names identified the courts. Recent additions to the judiciary dignified the Bench. The transformation was the effect of an act passed in 1909 re-constituting the Ontario Courts, which came into force the first of this year.

A day or so after the system innovated at Osgoode Hall had got running, a prominent Toronto counsel had occasion to call up one of the new judges. He asked to speak to Mr. Justice Hodgins. And turning to his partner as he pronounced the name, he remarked with pathos: "And to think that a week ago I could call him Frank!"

Frank Egerton Hodgins is a popular graduate from the Bar to the Bench. As a counsel he has been one of the leaders of his profession. The author of Hodgins on "The Life Insurance Contract of Ontario" is an authority on insurance and banking law; a frequent figure in some of the most involved commercial litigation before the courts.

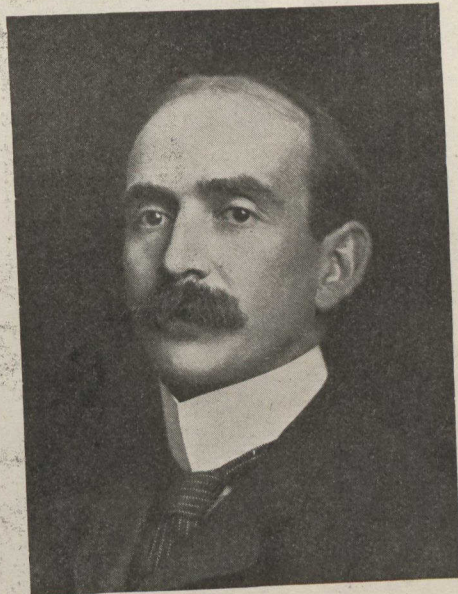
Judge Hodgins is a Toronto man, an old Upper Canada College and Trinity boy. He has had thirty-three years' legal experience. Outside of law he is conspicuous as an energetic churchman. He was chairman of the Anglican Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Move-



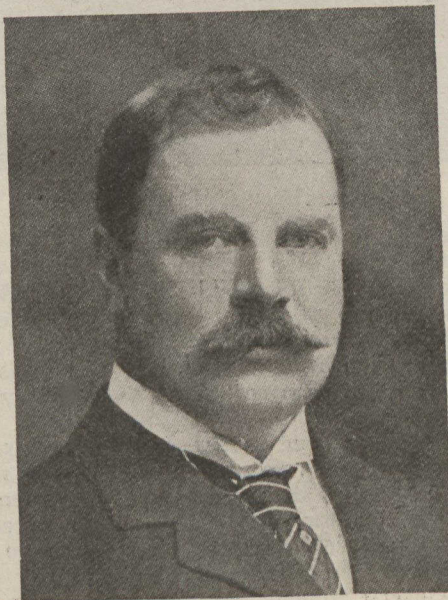
Hon. Mr. Justice Hodgins, K.C., Appointed Recently to Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Ontario.



Mr. E. A. James, President-Elect Ontario Branch Society of Civil Engineers.



President James A. McLean, the New Head of Manitoba University.



Lord Derby, a Leading British Centralist.

ment in 1908-9. In 1906 he was head of the committee which revised the Anglican Hymnal.

Constructive in Ideas

THE Ontario branch of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers have just elected Mr. E. A. James, B. Sc., president for this year. Mr. James made the meeting interesting by several comments he made on conditions which the profession had to face. He was in favour of compelling United States engineers to live up to the tariff requirement that they pay duty on the plans which they submit in Canada in competition with Canadian engineers. He also advocated the establishment in Ontario of a consulting technical library for the Ontario engineers, as they have in Montreal and other centres. Strange as it may seem, an Ontario engineer who wants technical information on a point has now to send out of the province to Montreal for it. Mr. James is a young man, a graduate of seven years' standing from the School of Practical Science, Toronto. He has always been outspoken and constructive in his ideas. At S. P. S. he was president of the Engineering Society in 1904-5. Three years later, after an interval in the employment of the C. P. R., he became managing editor of the *Canadian Engineer*, the organ of the Canadian profession. He is now Highway Commissioner and Engineer for the county of York, in which county is the city of Toronto.

A Centralist Peer

A RECENT issue of an English illustrated paper states that if Mr. Bonar Law should retire from the leadership of the Unionist party in Great Britain, Lancashire might put forward its champion, Lord Derby. This peer seems to be very strong in the Lancashire district, where the manufacturing element is almost predominant. He is a keen Centralist, and is quite willing to put a tax on the importation of foodstuffs into Great Britain if it seems advisable in the "consolidation of the Empire." In a recent speech he professed sorrow that there were voters who thought more of cheap bread than they did of Imperial preference.

Lord Derby is not considered a great man among the great men of Great Britain, but he is, nevertheless, a man of much influence and power. Like Lord Dudley, who is mentioned as a possible successor to the governor-generalship of Canada, he has devoted his life to public affairs. They represent a class of rich and titled men who have helped to make Great Britain's name among the nations. They have eschewed a life of idle luxury and have worked hard in the world of politics, diplomacy and administration.

An Advisory Fishery Board

HON. J. D. HAZEN, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, is appointing a Board to consider the development of Canadian fisheries, and has nominated the following experts: Azade Arseneault, Grindstone, Magdalen Islands; H. B. Short, Digby, N.S.; Charles H. B. Longworth, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Gideon Hemeon, Little Harbour, N.S.; F. T. B. Young, Caraquet, N.B.; Andrew B. Carson, Rexton, N.B.; Peter P. Russell, St. Andrews, N.B.; D. S. Reid, Selkirk, Man.; John E. Sinclair, Prince Albert, Sask.; R. Tegler, Edmonton, Alta.; D. M. McIntyre, Victoria, B.C.

The Board will be divided into three committees, one for the Prairie Provinces, one for the Atlantic Provinces, and one for British Columbia.