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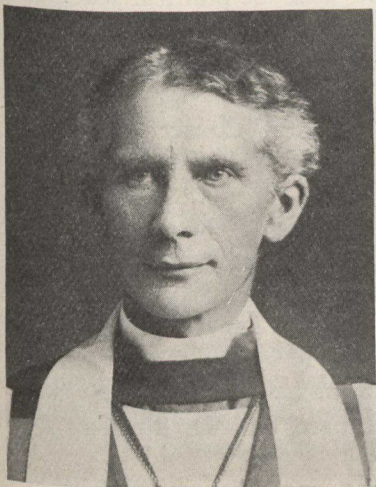
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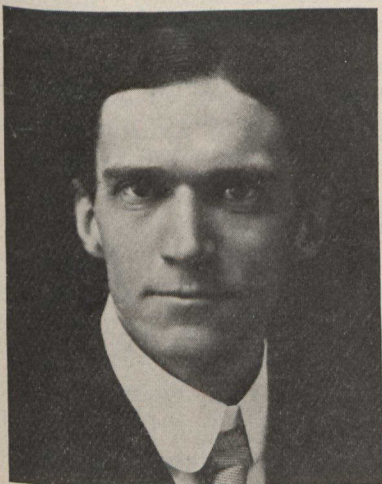


Right Rev. George Thorneloe
Anglican Bishop of Algoma

entry, England, in 1848; educated first at Lennoxville. That early schooling was but the prelude to a brilliant career in scholarship and letters, degrees, medals and lectureships, university preachings and examinerships. Twelve years now in the sullen North, the Bishop has no reason to regret that he is a scholar. In those remote places books are often the best companions outside of the people who are more than usually interesting because scarce. The late Bishop Bompas of the Mackenzie diocese was another example of scholarship in a place where he was for many years the only scholar.

IN the old university song book there was a song entitled "The Maid from Algoma," and the piece implied that scholarship from that *ultima thule* was a rare thing. But for a good many years now there have been scholars in Algoma. The most conspicuous example at present in that rugged, delightful land is Bishop Thorneloe, who succeeded the late Bishop Sullivan to that diocese twelve years ago when Bishop Sullivan became rector of St. James Cathedral, Toronto. Bishop Sullivan was a scholar and one of the finest Bible readers of his time. Bishop Thorneloe has had a scholastic career even more distinguished than that of his predecessor. He is the son of a Quebec clergyman; born, however, in Cov-

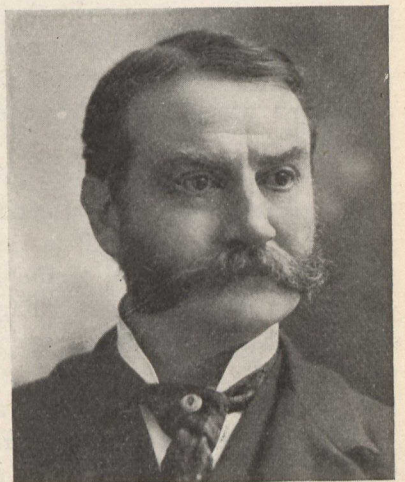
UNIVERSITY professors who take hold of practical questions are becoming steadily more numerous in Canada. The latest practical scientist to tackle a big problem is Dr. Howard T. Barnes, Professor of Physics in McGill University. Dr. Barnes believes—some maritime opinion somewhat to the contrary—that the St. Lawrence might be navigated during the winter, and that therefore Montreal might become a great winter port. With an assistant granted him by the Marine Department he will conduct observations and experiments this winter in order to ascertain whether or not his speculations are correct. He will have the felicity of riding on a Government ice-breaker. He has found that the opinions of mariners are proverbially conflicting; that the St. Lawrence route is almost as much open to speculation as Hudson's Bay. He concludes that one reason why the St. Lawrence is non-navigable for so much of the season is that the ice jams in the narrow reaches of the river. His experiments will discover how true this may be. Dr. Barnes' interest in the matter was at first purely scientific. He hopes to see a practical result from his observations. He has contributed already a good deal to the literature of "frazil" and "anchor" ice, concerning which there is as much occult mystery in the minds of some people as there used to be in astrology. His assistant on the ice-breaker will be Mr. J. B. Woodyatt, an honour graduate in science at McGill.



Prof. H. T. Barnes
Montreal

NEWLY appointed governor of the University of Toronto is Mr. Z. A. Lash, whose name has been familiar for a long while to the Canadian people as a counsel

for the Canadian Northern Railway Company. Mr. Lash was born in Newfoundland in 1849; called to the Ontario Bar in 1868, when he became a member of the firm, Beatty, Chadwick and Lash. Four years later he was appointed lecturer in commercial and criminal law to the Law Society of Ontario. Four years later again he became Deputy-Minister of Justice. He was created a Q. C. by the Marquis of Lorne. In 1882 he resigned his office under the Crown and returned to Toronto when he entered into partnership with Mr. Samuel Blake.



Mr. Z. A. Lash
New Governor University of Toronto

MR. E. J. B. PENSE, of Kingston, has been thirty-seven years connected with the British Whig of that city. It was founded forty-one years before by an ancestor, Mr. Barker, which explains the "B" in Mr. Pense's name. Under the younger man, the *Whig* maintained its earlier superiority and developed with the times, as all good papers should. Mr. Pense added to his list of publications two religious papers because of his keen interest in church work—especially the activities and progress of the Anglican body. Rather late in his career, he gave up electing other men to the Ontario Legislature, and became member himself. At the recent general election he was defeated, and it is no discredit to his opponent to say that the defeat was unfortunate for the Province. Mr. Pense has high ideals and lofty conceptions of a citizen's duty. Occasionally he has indulged in keen partisan activity, but it was always gentlemanly activity on the part of a man who was sure he was right.

LAST week, there was a reference in these columns to Archbishop Sweatman and the surprising strength which he had recently exhibited. When he went to Montreal to consecrate the new Bishop of that diocese he seemed to be in the best of health. On Monday, the 18th, he was taken with a sudden chill which developed into broncho-pneumonia and on Sunday last he passed away. He was the third Bishop of Toronto, having been consecrated in St. James Cathedral on May 1st, 1899. His Bishopric consisted of nine counties in the centre of the province. Just two years ago, January 16th, 1907, he was consecrated Archbishop and Metropolitan of Toronto and Primate of all Canada. His greatest work, or at least the piece of work which lay nearest his heart, was his creation of the new cathedral in Toronto known by the name of St. Alban the Martyr. He found it exceedingly difficult to get funds for the work, and though twenty years have passed since the corner-stone was laid, the work is still far from being finished. His disappointment in this connection was very keen. If he was not a great man, in the fullest sense of that term, he was in many ways a grand man and one of which his church has no reason to be other than proud. He was not remarkably aggressive and was the opposite of belligerent. He was a peacemaker and could always be relied upon to prevent discord and smooth away differences. He was moderate and tolerant and considering the situation in Toronto, where the Anglican Church is broken into two distinct parts, he was exactly the type required to prevent open war. His going is a distinct loss to the nation.



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