

That was in 1904, and upon coming to Ottawa Mr. Ames threw himself into the thick of the federal fight, bringing to it all the good business sense and keen determination which had carried him so well in Montreal city council. Hard work has no terrors for him, and no trouble is too great where he sees a definite result ahead. It may be safely said that no single member at Ottawa is a harder worker. Not satisfied with getting his information from blue books and Government reports, Mr. Ames has undertaken long journeys in Western Canada during the summers since 1904 in order to have first hand information regarding that which he is called upon to criticise. The result is that his onslaughts are slashing. When he makes a statement it is safe to say that it cannot be controverted.—*The Free Press*, London (Ont.), Mar. 25, 1908.

WHAT THE "GLOBE" THINKS OF MR. AMES.

Rich men, as a rule, do not voluntarily come out from the easeful quiet of their clubs to enter the storm and stress of public life with the definite objective of becoming a recognized force, either in municipal or national politics. The rich men who are in public life to-day have nearly all entered it reluctantly at the behest of party politics, Mr. Herbert B. Ames, M.P. for the St. Antoine division of Montreal, is a conspicuous exception to the rule. He has, of his own free will, forsaken the ruby light of the quiet parlors of the rich for the glaring limelight of the politician. First, because he has the virtue of being ambitious, and, second, because he believes he can be of service to the public. As a young man he inherited an ample fortune from his father, who was head of the Ames, Holden Company of Montreal. His business interests have been all along sufficient to keep him decidedly busy. But he has for the last ten or eleven years given a major portion of his time and energy to public life.