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Men of To-Day

A Fighting Journalist.

WHEN Mr. R. L. Richardson, editor and proprietor of the *Winnipeg Tribune*, was in the House of Commons he was a somewhat refractory follower of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. When the party whip cracked, "Bob" did not always obey. It is said that it was this particular trait in his character which finally led to his losing that part of his signature known as "M. P." The Honourable Clifford Sifton could either confirm or deny the truth of this. Since his defeat in 1901 he has tried three times to get back to the House of Commons as an Independent, but has never been successful in any one of his contests. He is now making

Fredericton and the New Brunswick authorities will still have the valuable services of Mr. Hubbard.

Made a Striking Speech.

AN average of five new factories every four days—that is how manufacturing has grown in Canada in the ten-year period from 1901 to 1911. This and several other facts pleasing to the members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association were pointed out by Mr. Nathaniel Curry in his presidential address at the annual convention of that body in Ottawa last week. But the president was not content with showing only the bright side of the picture. He stated that this great production pace will overtake the home market demand; therefore attention should be given to the fact that the export trade shows very little tendency to expand.

Nor did Mr. Curry confine his remarks to matters of trade. Whether or not there is a German peril, he stated, Britain must maintain the two-power standard, and "our sense of gratitude, our sense of self-respect, demand that we should help and help substantially." The matter is too important and the need for action too urgent, he believed, to be made a question of party politics. "If criticism can be obviated and party feeling assuaged by the Government taking into its confidence the leader of the Opposition and his lieutenants," he said, "so much the better; by all means let such a conference be had, and had quickly, but in any event let us have action."

Mr. Curry's address was an important one, as was to be expected when one remembers his career. Born on a Nova Scotia farm three score years ago, he started to learn a trade at fifteen, and by combined pluck and ability he has risen to be a big figure in many large corporations.

A Peer Tells of Canada's Duty.

LORD MILNER, who was in Canada at the time of the Dominion election of 1908, is again in this country. At Sydney, N.S., he was interviewed concerning the great question of the day, and this is what he said:

"My personal view is that Canada should create a navy of her own, but, of course, this would be of no use unless it would work hand-in-hand with that of Britain.

"I should have thought that Canada would be inclined to do more than contribute to the main navy. Of course, I am not saying that for the present that might not be the best way to start, as to work up a navy takes a

large time. But in the end a navy of Canada's own would, I think, prove itself the best.

"The last thing that should be done would be a division of your parties over this important measure. In Great Britain there will be no division, for whatever Canada will see fit to do will be approved of by both parties in the old country. It is a matter above parties."

Whether or not one agrees with those views, it must be admitted that this noted peer is qualified, through experience and study, to pass opinions worthy of consideration. Few men know more than he about the various parts of the Empire and their problems.



MR. W. W. HUBBARD,
Appointed Superintendent Dominion Experimental Farm in New Brunswick.

the fourth attempt in the constituency of Macdonald, and will know his fate on the night of October 12th.

Mr. Robert Lorne Richardson was born near Lanark, Ont., in 1860, and has served as a journalist since 1879. For two years he was on the *Toronto Globe* and for seven years on the *Winnipeg Daily Sun*. In 1889 he founded the *Winnipeg Tribune*, which he has continued to direct since that time. Mr. Richardson is also an aspirant for literary honours and has published two novels, "Colin of the Ninth Concession," and "The Camerons of Bruce." Both were full of accurate pictures of Canadian country life, although neither made a great furore in the world of fiction. A stirring political novel from his pen would certainly attract attention.

Should Mr. Richardson win on the reciprocity platform in a constituency which has been Conservative for the whole of its existence, his arrival at Ottawa will be an event of importance. Moreover, he would add greatly to the debating power of the "larger markets and freer trade" coterie.

Will Do Some Flag Waving.

ONE of the most striking features of the Toronto Board of Trade banquet, at which Premier Borden was welcomed back from England, was the

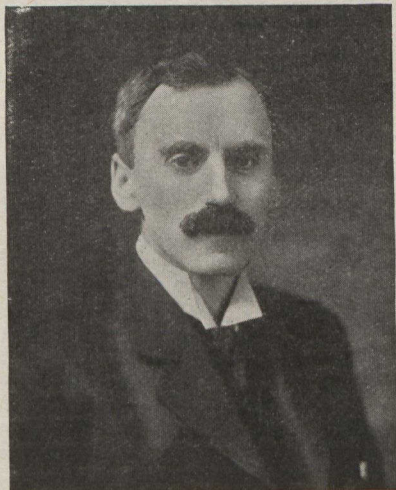
speech delivered by N. W. Rowell, K.C., leader of the Ontario Liberal party. While the interest of the people at the banquet centred largely in the guests of the evening—Mr. Borden and several of his followers—it is but fair to state that Mr. Rowell captured the audience with a whirlwind, Imperialistic oration.

Apparently Mr. Rowell and his friends are not going to leave Mr. Borden and his friends in free and undisputed possession of the Union Jack.

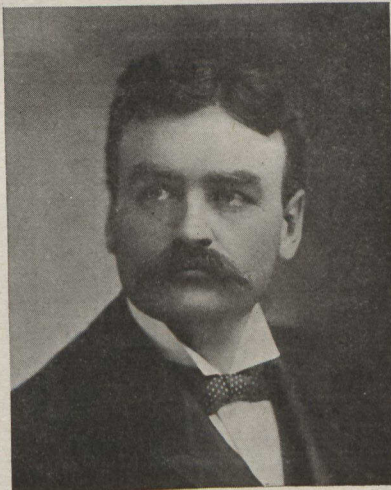
The speech of the Opposition leader for Ontario indicates that he is going to do a little flag-waving himself. He closed his speech with an enthusiastic appreciation of the Union Jack and what it means to the various parts of the Empire.

An Eastern Agriculturist.

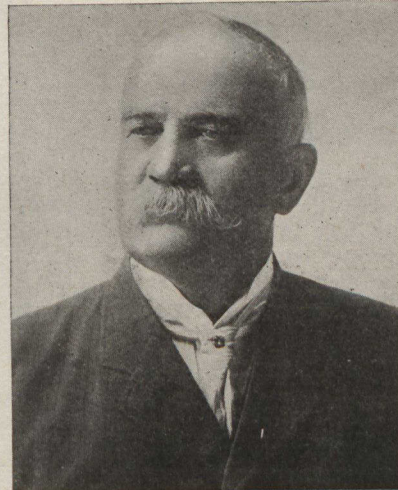
MR. W. W. HUBBARD has been deputy commissioner of agriculture in New Brunswick—a good man in a cramped position. Hence his appointment as superintendent of the new Dominion Experimental Farm in New Brunswick is no surprise to his friends. This farm will be close to



MR. N. W. ROWELL, K.C.,
Ontario Liberals' Leader, Who Made Good Impression at Borden Banquet.



MR. R. L. RICHARDSON,
Editor Winnipeg Tribune and Independent Candidate in Macdonald.



MR. NATHANIEL CURRY,
Who Made Striking Presidential Address to Canadian Manufacturers' Association.