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IN THE PUBLIC VIEW



Mr. Andrew Graham,
The Western Grain Growers' Candidate
for the Railway Commission.

SINCE the regretted demise of the Hon. Thos. Greenway, a few weeks ago conjecture has been busy as to his successor on the Railway Commission. Westerners generally seem in accord with the idea that the position made vacant by death should again be filled by a man from West of the Great Lakes, but who shall that man be? The greatest and most powerful (if it fully understood that power) interest in Western Canada is the agricultural interest or community. A powerful organisation of farmers, the Grain Growers, has just awakened to the fact that the position is vacant, and therefore now is the time to get a farmer on the Commission to represent the agricultural producers of the country whose output is the largest and most valuable of all; that they are a bit late daunts them not, they have taken themselves seriously and have nominated Mr. Andrew Graham, a farmer in the prime of life and comfortable circumstances, careful of the bawbees which withal he has wrung from the fertile soil of Manitoba in the last quarter of a century. An active member of the Methodist Church, a strong temperance man, an ardent Liberal, and a successful agriculturist; breeder and exhibitor of pure bred short-horns, Yorkshire and Clydesdales, he is probably as typical a representative of the successful Western farmer as may be found. There are at least three other Western men mentioned, who are either willing to accept or are actively working to secure the prize, they are: Mr. John Crawford, of Neepawa, Man., who served eight years in the Commons, a large farmer and dealer in farm implements, a man highly esteemed, a Presbyterian, Oddfellow, and the Liberal whip for the Manitoba members in the last parliament. Andrew Strang, a wholesale liquor dealer in Winnipeg, who, besides being a lifelong Liberal and a student of transportation, has the backing of the Winnipeg Board of Trade and the Liberal organisation of the city in which he resides. Still another is a lawyer, late of Carberry, Man., Mr. J. D. Hunt, whose candidature so far as is known, is based on his close affiliation with the party in its organisation work; the general impression seems to be that unless a dark horse he need not be considered seriously if the powers that be exhibit equal care to that shown when making previous appointments to the Commission.

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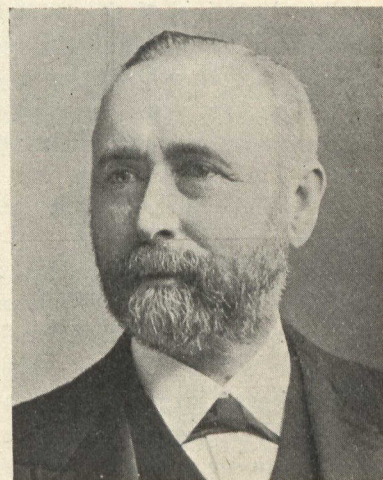
ALSO MR. W. A. GALLIHER, ex-M.P. for the Kootenays, is being heralded by the "Saturday Sunset" of Vancouver, for the vacant position on the Railway Commission. Mr. Galliher was talked of before the recent appointments.

Mr. Galliher is a hugely interesting character. He has had rather an Homeric career. Born in the county of Bruce he became a local hero twenty years ago at the annual Caledonian games at Paisley, Lucknow and Tiverton. Early in his athletic youth, Mr. Galliher went west. But he was not long there till he went to Egypt. He was not an Egyptologist, but one of

Lord Wolseley's voyageurs, the Canadian river-men that piloted the British forces down the Nile. Mr. Charles Lewis Shaw, now on the Winnipeg "Telegram," remembers him well. Galliher was one of the biggest and brainiest Canadians on that expedition. At Wadi-Halfa waiting for the trip down the river, the soldiers of all nations organised a two-days' tourney in athletics. There were contests and feats of prowess and speed that would have been a fine feature at the recent Olympic games. The Canadians entered every event but two. They bet their last dollar on one another and they won—bobs and sixpences and half crowns. When Galliher got into the arena it was for the long jump for which the regulars were reserving Jimmy Corcoran, of the 18th Royal Irish, the champion of India. They offered odds of two to one on Corcoran, against any Canadian "bushwhacker." This was too much for Galliher. Though by no means anxious to advertise, he was now keen to enter against another Irishman. Corcoran made a mighty jump and the regulars rent the welkin declaring that Galliher nor any other Canadian axe-man ever could come near that. Galliher came to the scratch. He remembered Paisley and Lucknow and the Caledonian games. He had not even removed his boots. But he made a break in the desert sand eighteen inches beyond Corcoran; and even Dave Carlin, his British Columbia chum, asked him how he had ever done it. Galliher said: "Didn't you know Davy, that I hold the record for Western Canada, and whoever is best there takes no second place in any other corner of the world—least of all, among mummies."

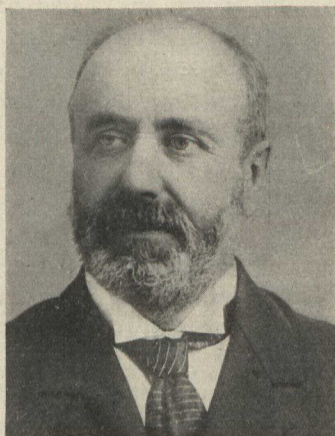
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LORD PIRRIE, who is the latest Knight of St. Patrick, is not an Irishman, but a Canadian by birth. In the year 1847 he was born in the historic city of Quebec, but, at an early age, he sailed for the home of his Hibernian ancestors. As a lad he obtained employment with the great shipbuilding firm of Harland and Wolff of Belfast, of which he is now the head. A Liberal in politics, he was raised to the peerage of the United Kingdom after the present Government came into power, and he holds a Household appointment in the Administration. He has been twice Lord Mayor of Belfast and has been invited to serve for a third term this year. He is a director of many steamship companies, of the London and South-Western Railway, the London City and Midland Bank and other institutions. It is said that he is represented by a ship on every navigable sea in the world. His London residence is Downshire House, Belgrave Square.



Lord Pirrie
Lord Mayor of Belfast.

SOME NEW ONTARIO MAYORS—See also page 15



Mr. Andrew Malcolm,
Manufacturer, Kincardine.



Mr. H. C. Pope,
Barrister, Strathroy.



Mr. Ernest S. Wigle,
Barrister, Windsor.



Mr. Daniel Couper,
Merchant, Kingston.