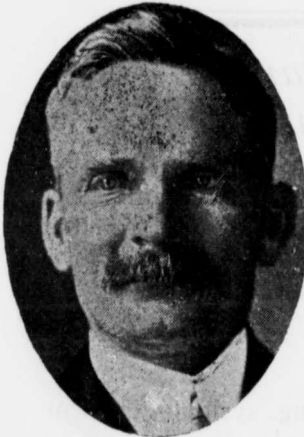


Biographical Sketch of Hon. A. J. McLean

HON. A. J. McLEAN.—It is a far cry from the round-up to the Legislative Assembly, and the old-time cowman does not as a rule, take kindly to law-making, but in the Hon. A. J. McLean we have an example of the man who can make good in both lines.



Born in 1860, in Elgin County, Ontario, perhaps the richest part of the old province, with every incentive for remaining, the spirit of adventure, primal wander-lust gripped him early, and, in '81 he burned his bridges behind him, and set out on the long trek that ended only at the foot of the "Rockies."

Quickly grasping the possibilities of this great Western Empire, and with an eye to the future, he studied the problems of the cowman in the hard school of experience, and by the spring of '87 had fitted himself for the responsible position of managing partner in the famous C Y ranch in Southern Alberta. Here he built up

the export cattle trade to such a standard that the name of Archie McLean was for twenty years synonymous with fair dealing and business integrity.

The markets of Liverpool, London and Glasgow were his playgrounds, and hardly a vessel sailing from East Atlantic ports during the season but carried a cargo of Archie's cattle.

With the sudden contraction of his field of operation, Mr. McLean found leisure to answer the almost unanimous call of his fellow-citizens to represent them in the provincial parliament. Elected by an overwhelming majority in his old ranch constituency, he was later elevated to a position in the cabinet, and his re-election by acclamation was further proof of the hold Archie has on the confidence and esteem of his people.

Holding the position of Provincial Secretary, under Premier A. L. Sifton, Mr. McLean has found scope for his activities in the important duties of that office, and his businesslike administration of the affairs of the public institutions of the province reflect the spirit of the man who, though temporarily saddled with the cares of state, still remains at heart a cowpuncher.