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ONTARIO'S new Minister of Labor and Health, though no marvel in the ranks of the toilers, may be measured and not found wanting in many of the attributes of the manly man. Throughout his life, and it has been an active one, filled to the brim with work, work, work, he has never lost faith in his destiny. That destiny may not have been as exalted in his view as the stars in their courses have borne him, yet it stood high, and the goal comes as no great surprise to his admirers. To him it is as he expresses it, one of his good fortunes, which, he has found, have come to him through unexpected channels. That may be, but the navigator ever had his eye for certain channels. Walter Rollo never lost sight of the gleam, and see where he now stands!

He was always constant to his ideals. He worked at broom-making, which brought poorer wages than most trades, but that did not discourage him. Full of grit, he held on and on, striving for better things for the workers. He tells you he is no book-worm; newspapers and labor literature have the greatest thrill for him; yet he never made such a god of them that he could not worship at other shrines, but that worship, which brought with it recreation, helped to broaden and fit him for leadership and the days when he was to be found in the seats of the mighty. When younger, in Hamilton, he took to baseball, and, as every-



HON. WALTER ROLLO.

body knows, a few seasons on the ball field got quite a way toward acquiring soundness of mind and limb and clearness of mind. As time passed, the new Minister, Scottish clear through, joined the Kiltie regiment being formed in Hamilton, and worked his way to color-sergeant. It stands to reason, further, that a man cannot go that far in the militia without having engrained in him promptness in times of action and obedience to orders. Add to these qualities an optimistic outlook of life and its problems from the labor viewpoint, and it need not surprise the electors at large that the Hon. Walter Rollo's friends and supporters are vain enough to believe that he surely will fill the bill as Minister of Labor and Health to the province's satisfaction.

As for his beliefs, they are well known to the Independent Labor party, of which he is president, and those who have followed his career. It can be said that Mr. Rollo has both the faith and the works on his person for their accomplishment, insofar as one man, although bigger in mental stature than most, can add to that end. In this regard his friends say he has almost the prophetic vision, for some years ago he saw and foretold not a few labor reforms which are now being gradually worked out to the workers' benefit.

Mr. Rollo's association with the Board of Education has helped to fill him out in the public sense. His appointment as a trustee was, he says, something he had longed for, but had little hope of securing, but good fortune was again his friend and down the unexpected channel he sailed. Had he not been named Labor Minister, he could have made a respectable "stab" at the post of Minister of Education. He was years on the Hamilton Board; he was no rampagous iconoclast; he sought but the children's good, and was instrumental in introducing a number of useful changes in school management.—Toronto Star Weekly.

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WOMEN CROOKS.

London Is Mystified by Doings of Mayfair Thieves in Skirts.

Whose are the master minds behind the astounding epidemic of crime which has recently started London? Jewel robberies and thefts on an unexampled scale have been reported to Scotland Yard during the last three or four weeks, and the smartest minds of the Criminal Investigation Department are baffled by the facility and ease with which successive coups have been accomplished. It is women who are playing an important role in connection with these uncanny mysteries of the West End. The ultra-fashionable woman thief has come into her kingdom, and Scotland Yard is becoming more and more mystified at the extraordinary success which attends her daily enterprises.

The war infused a new spirit of adventure, daring and resourcefulness into the woman crook, and things which in former times she hesitated to attempt are now mere commonplaces in her daily life.

What manner of creature is the woman crook of Mayfair? She is not the petty pickpocket, the purse snatcher, of whom one reads in the Police Court reports; on the contrary, she is a cultivated, accomplished, travelled adventuress, a woman of affairs, who dreams no dreams, but deals in hard facts. You would never guess these women adventurers for what they are.

Take a peep with me into one of the many fashionable Mayfair flats, where live the genuine women of fashion—and the spurious. A well-dressed woman is sitting on a comfortable sofa warming her silk-clad feet before a fire. The walls of the room are hung with fine old prints, the brocade curtains, the carpets, the lacquer writing desk, all savor of the refined, cultured society woman. And the woman herself? To look at her you would think she was sitting there planning a dinner party or a week-end visit. As a matter of fact she is working out in that quick brain of hers the details of one of the most daring jewel robberies ever foisted on a great city.

At the door, a manservant ushers in a well-groomed young man, and retires. The two sit chatting comfortably together on the sofa, for all the world like brother and sister. By and by the woman rises, adjusts her cloak, which the man holds out for her, and rings a bell. "My car." Down the steps, past the silent footman, into the glittering landaulette, and—off into the whirl of traffic. Where are they bound? Maybe it is to some West End restaurant, perhaps to the dark alleys and streets of Limehouse Chinatown.

They watch the doings of the big thieves and the little, the master crook and the petty purse snatcher, and bring their reports daily to the master brain. Hence your cracks-woman is always posted with details—she knows who is planning for robberies, and who has eyes on diamonds, who would fitch motor-cars, and who will receive stolen goods. She knows. That is the great point, and those whom she watches realize this to the full. Blackmail is a handy weapon to the woman with the master mind. She has but to command, aid—it is hers. If it is refused? Well, there is that little matter of the theft of a pearl necklace.

Not even the most astute investigator at Scotland Yard is at times aware of the superwoman crook, for she trades under a variety of aliases, while her manner of living disarms suspicion.—London Express.

"He is a True Friend, A Bonnie Fighter, And Never a Quitter"

HON. WILLIAM EDGAR RANEY, K.C., the new Attorney-General of Ontario, comes of a blending of French Huguenot and United Empire Loyalist stock. When Col. De Bernard's regiment was disbanded after the American Revolutionary War his troopers were given land in Eastern Ontario. A farm on the banks of the St. Lawrence, a mile east of what is now the village of Aultsville, fell to Frederick Rennee, as he spelt his name. Into this wilderness of the eighties of the eighteenth century, Frederick Rennee brought a bride from Montreal, also of French ancestry, but of the ancient faith. Of this union on the original homestead and of the fourth generation was born in due course in December, 1859, a great-grandson of Frederick Rennee, William Edgar Raney.

In the early years of the nineteenth century, to the adjoining farm to the east, came Richard Whitney, father of Sir James Whitney, and for many years Richard Whitney and John Raney were pioneer neighbors.

Frederick Rennee was one of the first members of what is said to have been the first Protestant church in what is now Ontario, a Union Lutheran and Presbyterian Church, located about two miles east of Morrisburg, where its successor still stands.

In the sixties and seventies there were still log school houses in Eastern Ontario, and to one of these and to the Aultsville school the embryo Attorney-General was a pupil. Then at the age of fifteen he went out to fend for himself, first as a clerk in



HON. WILLIAM EDGAR RANEY.

a country store, then at eighteen as a school teacher in a public school and afterwards as a pupil and teacher in the Collegiate Institute at St. Catharines, then under the head-mastership of the late Dr. John Seah.

In due course the young man registered at Toronto as a student-at-law, taking concurrently with his course at Osgoode Hall, a course at Trinity University and graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law and the gold medal for his year.

In politics Mr. Raney describes himself as an independent Liberal. While a law student at Toronto he was one of the founders of the Young Men's Liberal Club, but in 1904 he lent his aid to bring in the Whitney Administration, and from that date until the election of 1914 he was a supporter of that Government. In 1914 he led a forlorn hope against Mr. Gooderham in southwest Toronto in a "Banish the Bar" campaign.

Always a crusader against wrong in whatever form he saw it, Mr. Raney directed his energies chiefly against the drink traffic and the evil of race-track gambling. Some of his foes regarded him as a "narrow-gauge" reformer, but they had to admit that he was a fair fighter. His friends and associates credit him with a sanity and balance that greatly steadied his fellow-crusaders.

"He is a true friend, a bonnie fighter, never a quitter, and a horse to work," is the sentence size-up of the man by one of his most intimate friends. "He's not one of the 'leave it to George' kind. Nothing makes him so mad as anything that savors of injustice. If he sees anything unfair he wants to hit it."

He has a brother who is a Methodist minister, but the new Attorney-General is a Presbyterian.—Toronto Star Weekly.

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