

# MEN OF TO-DAY

## A MATTER OF CONSCIENCE

ONCE in a while a prominent man does something which offsets the general every-man-for-himself tendency in modern civilisation and calls attention to the fact of a conscience. Mr. William F. Todd, M.P., is such a man. The member for Charlotte County, N.B., was president of St. Stephen's Bank, which not long ago became defunct, entailing heavy losses on several of the creditors. Though not legally liable to do more than anyone else, being president and a man of means and having on his conscience the credit of the bank of which he had been the head and an honourable connection—Mr. Todd wrote his own personal paper for the sum of one hundred thousand dollars solely on behalf of the creditors of the institution. Some years ago Sir William Mulock did a similar act for the Farmers' Loan Company, of which he was president. The comparative rarity of such acts of conscience only the more accentuates such examples as that of Mr. Todd. It may have been partly local pride that led him to write off a tenth of a million on behalf of other people. He was born in St. Stephen's and knew every man, woman and child in the place as well as hundreds round about. To him the failure of the bank may have meant more than the failure of any other bank anywhere. He has both a personal and an official interest in it. When the bank went to the wall he felt that he had a duty to discharge. He did it. Although he has been some years in public life both as member of the local Legislature and of the House of Commons, Mr. Todd has never done anything in a public or political way that half so eloquently bespeaks the calibre of the man. A few more Mr. Todds in both public and private life would be a good thing for Canada. Perhaps there are more than ever get advertisement. There can never be too many. So far as can be seen—there is not much likelihood.

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## THE NEW BISHOP OF LONDON

STALWART in form, strong in physical and mental activity and sterling in every act is Bishop Fallon, who on Monday, April 25th, was consecrated in St. Peter's Cathedral, London, and installed as head of the diocese.

Right Rev. M. J. Fallon, D.D., is amongst the young bishops of his time. Born in Kingston, Ontario, he graduated from Ottawa University in 1889. After further studies in Rome he was ordained there and returning to Canada was appointed professor at the University of Ottawa. Though the students of Father Fallon were always amongst those who came first at the examinations, their Professor was perhaps best known to the world as the prominent leader of athletic sports and the teams were never happy in their visits to others unless accompanied by their all-round Professor, who like the Greeks of old believed that education is the fullest development of all the faculties, physical, mental and moral. Standing six feet four, Bishop Fallon is so well proportioned that there is no trace of the *gaucherie* that sometimes accompanies unusual height and his training has given perfect poise to every movement.

It was from Buffalo, N.Y., that Bishop Fallon came to London. There as rector of Holy Angels parish he had carried out his pet work of education so as to leave an unequalled monument behind him. The parish school of Holy Angels is a massive and handsome stone structure, more like a large college than a home for the primary classes and here the then pastor visited the children of his charge and was himself a little one amongst them.

A member of the Oblates, the position of Provincial had for some time been his and within the boundaries of his provincial jurisdiction as elsewhere the magnetic power of his strong

personality made itself everywhere felt for betterment and progress.

Bishop Fallon is the eldest of seven sons. His parents are now residents of Cornwall and during the consecration ceremonies the little mother and sturdy father of the new prelate had the sympathetic congratulations of the many visitors from Ottawa, Buffalo, Kingston, Toronto, Cornwall and of the ecclesiastics from all over the American continent who graced the occasion. The training of the churchman does not obliterate the human side and the feeling reference made by the new Bishop to his parents at the close of his inaugural address was one of the most touching episodes of the morning.

"You can't exaggerate in speaking about Bishop Fallon," said a friend, and this is the consensus of all who know him. Catholic and non-Catholic alike see in the new Bishop of London a man who by his efforts to apply the talents and graces given him to their highest uses makes himself the friend of all.

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## A FIGHTING IRISHMAN

WILLIAM O'BRIEN is second only to Mr. Red in the public purview of the Irish question. Latterly he has fallen foul of Mr. Lloyd-George, having obtained the Speaker's permission to make a personal explanation in the House of Commons on the point as to whether or not the Chancellor of the Exchequer promised concessions to Ireland on the Budget question. Referring to Mr. O'Brien during the election turmoil the *Outlook*—strongly Unionist—had this to say of Mr. O'Brien:

"The Irish parliamentary party has fallen back to its distracted condition at the time of the great Parnellite split. Mr. O'Brien is now in something like the position in which Mr. Parnell found himself when his old colleagues turned against him at the bidding of a Liberal statesman (meaning Mr. Gladstone).

There are, however, two things which must be done before Mr. Asquith can hope to repay the services of his Irish allies with that ample measure of separatist Home Rule which alone will satisfy them. He has to get his budget through and he has to destroy the constitutional privileges of the House of Lords."

The Budget is through now; the Lords are yet untouched. Mr. O'Brien is still belligerent on behalf of the Irish tenants whose rights he signed himself to observe in the Land Purchase Act of 1903. He has had quite as turbulent a career as any other Irish Nationalist of these later years. Years he has been a journalist; reporter on the *Cork Daily Herald* from 1869 to 1875; five years after that a writer on the *Freeman's Journal*; and in 1880 he founded the paper called *United Ireland*. Three years later he was elected to Parliament from the town he was born in; again for the south division of Tyrone in 1885; with changing constituencies steadily an M. P. till 1895, when he retired on account of internal dissensions in

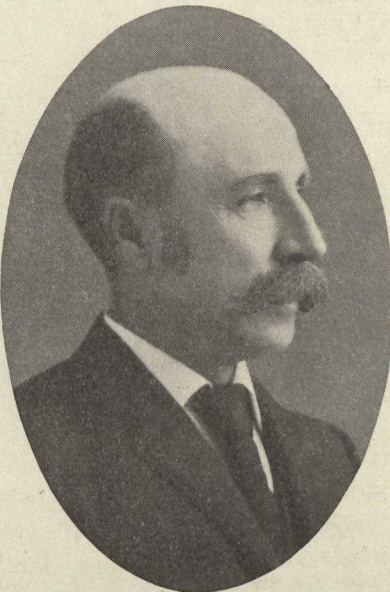
the Irish party and three years later he founded the United Irish League with the *Irish People* newspaper as its organ.

Mr. O'Brien is a mixture of domestic benignity and turbulence. He has been in jail for being Irish. The picture on this page shows him just after drinking tea; a homespun, plain-built man with a world of activity locked up behind his rather benevolent beard. He has his own independent views about Ireland and the political situation in Great Britain.

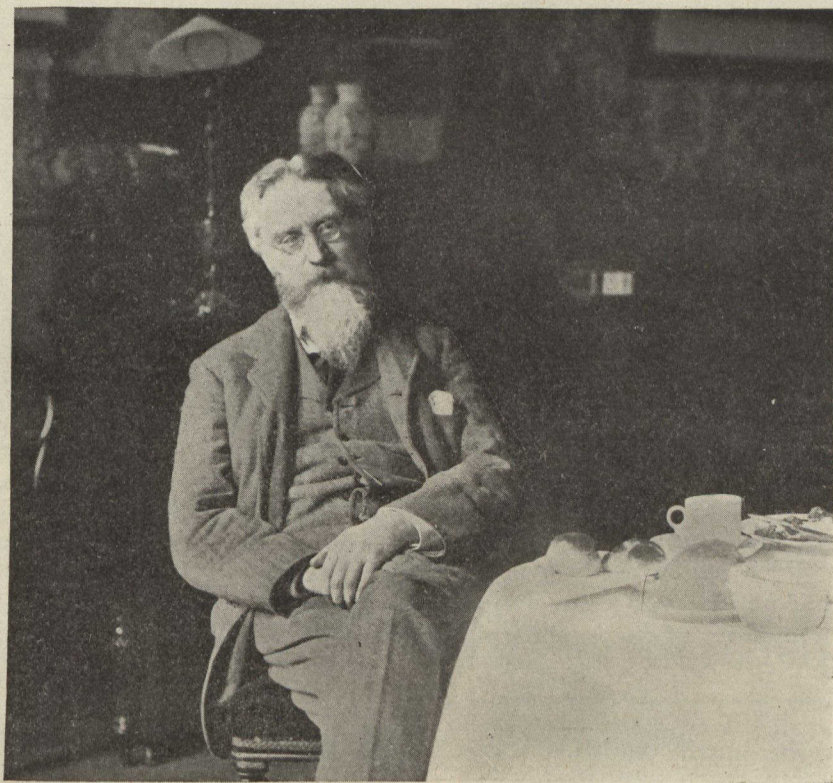
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## A NEW WESTERN JUDGE

MR. J. T. BROWN, K.C., of Regina, has been appointed Judge of the Court of Appeal of Saskatchewan to succeed Judge Prendergast, lately transferred to the Manitoba Court of Appeals. Judge Brown is another of those young university men who have begun to leave their mark on western life while still young in years if not in experience. He is under forty years of age. His birthplace was Huntingdon, P.Q.; born on a farm—where his father is still a farmer. He was educated at the Academy there and at McGill University and went west very shortly after graduation. At first and for some years he practised law in Moosomin. In 1907 he was made a K.C. For three years he was a member of the Saskatchewan Legislature.



Mr. W. F. Todd, M.P.,  
Who gave tenth of a million for others' sake



Mr. William O'Brien enjoys an Irish cup of tea.



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A new Judge in Saskatchewan.