

The New Minister of the Interior

Hon. Frank Oliver, the new Minister of the Interior in the Laurier Cabinet, was sworn in on Saturday, April 8th, by Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada. The new minister has gone back to his constituency for re-election, and will no doubt be occupying his place as Minister of the Crown by the time this issue of The Western Home Monthly reaches its readers.

Hon. Frank Oliver is a journalist, he owns and edits the Edmonton Bulletin. He was born in Peel County, Ontario, in 1853. In his youth he learned the printing trade in the office of the Toronto Globe. Whilst in the Globe office it was only natural that he should come into close contact with the lamented George Brown, who was responsible to some degree, no doubt, for Hon. Mr. Oliver's broad liberalism.

Possessed of an adventurous spirit,

of note that Mr. Oliver erected the first building for business purposes on the present site of Edmonton, apart from the Hudson's Bay Company's fort. In those early days a mail reached Edmonton only once in three weeks. The Dominion Government built a telegraph line to Edmonton in the fall of 1879 and arrangements were made to send a news bulletin of doings in the outside world over the wire. Mr. Oliver saw his chance and decided to establish a newspaper, he being a printer himself. Mr. Alex. Taylor in those days telegraph operator, now Clerk of the Court and post master at Edmonton, became associated with him in his printing enterprise. Mr. Oliver brought with him from Winnipeg a supply of paper (note size), a toy press and a pair of cases of nonpareil type, but he forgot to bring type for a heading, so Mr. Taylor came to

tories and has the honor of being the first member elected to that council.

In 1885 he was defeated by Dr. Wilson, of Edmonton. He sat continuously from 1888 to 1896 in the Legislative Assembly, which succeeded the councils with wider powers. In 1896 he stood as an independent Liberal for Edmonton for the Commons and defeated his Conservative opponent, Mr. Thomas Cochrane. He was re-elected in 1890 and 1904 and will be re-elected, no doubt, again on May 2nd if he is not declared elected in the meantime by acclamation.

Frank Oliver has done a whole lot for the West, in fact, he has done more for it than possibly any other man residing west of the Great Lakes.

In 1883 he drafted a complete school law for the Territories and the bill drafted by him forms the basis of the law at present in force. He likewise drew up the original of the election law. This law was specially adapted to suit the peculiar requirements of the West and is in many ways the best election law in Canada. Under this law there is scarcely a possibility of perjury and it does away with, to a great extent, the errors that sometimes arise through ignorance in marking ballots. In 1896 he deemed it wise, on account of his enforced absence from home, attending to his parliamentary duties at Ottawa, to put his newspaper into a joint stock company. He still guides its destinies and shapes its policies, even while in Ottawa and his pen pictures of the political situation at all times are fair and most interesting. Few men in Western Canada have so many strong personal friends as Frank Oliver. His name is revered by those who know him best, his straightforwardness, his tireless energy and practical common sense in all things pertaining to the West has endeared him with all classes, creeds and nationalities.

The politician who will go into his stamping ground to wrest the laurels

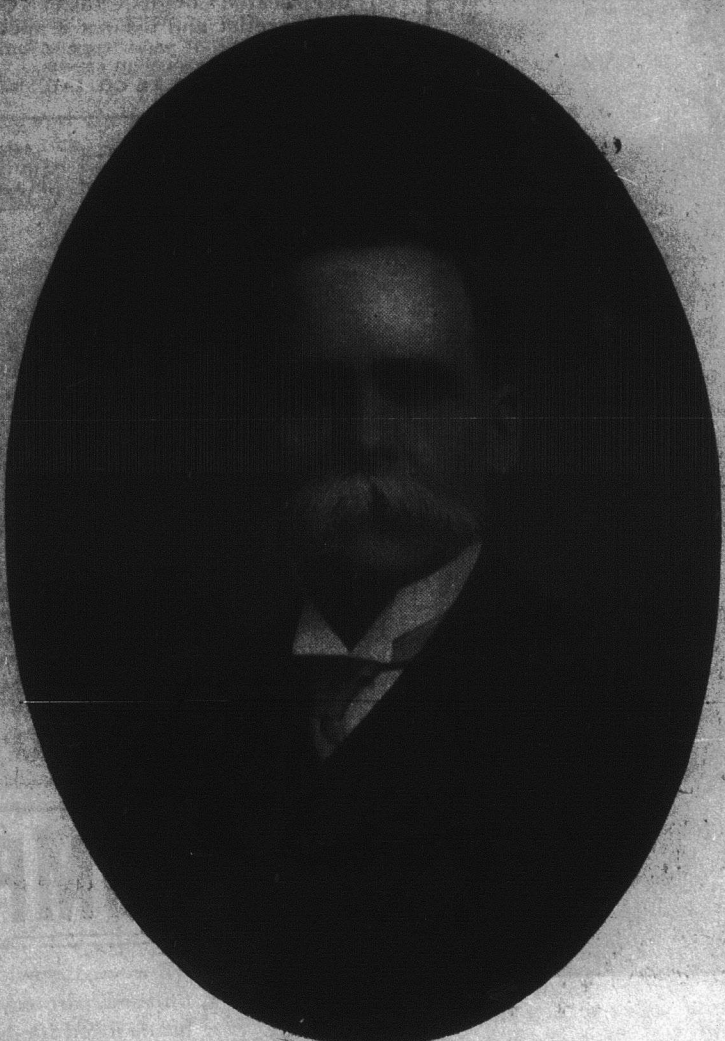


Mrs. Oliver.

of victory from him in an election contest will certainly know there was something doing before he gets through with the job.

Hon. Mr. Oliver is a forceful, convincing speaker and his speeches, delivered in the House of Parliament, always carry weight both with the Government and with the Opposition as well.

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Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior.

he decided to strike out for the Western prairies, arriving at Winnipeg in 1873, where he resided some three years. Gigantic railway projects were much discussed in those days. It was then said that the C.P.R. would use the Jasper Pass to cross the Rockies, which would necessitate the building of the road through the Edmonton district. It was then that Mr. Oliver decided to go to Edmonton and get in on the ground floor, so to speak, of what then gave promise of being an important place some day.

In the year 1876 he purchased a freighting outfit and set out for the Edmonton country. Edmonton then was a mere village under the control of the Hudson's Bay Company.

In the following winter Mr. Oliver came back to Winnipeg by dog train. His trip to Edmonton and back again across the Western prairies convinced him that some day the entire country would be settled and he desired to take his chances in the country. He engaged in trading, making his trips to Winnipeg in summer and disposing of his goods during the winter months. His trading operations continued from 1876 to 1884. It is worthy

the rescue by carving the words "The Bulletin" out of a piece of dry birch and the paper was launched under that heading, which was afterwards changed to "The Edmonton Bulletin." The subscription was \$2 and Mr. Oliver is always pleased to say that his was the best paid-up subscription list in Canada.

Edmonton had high hopes in those days of being the St. Paul of Canada, but the hopes of the residents were dispelled when the C.P.R. decided to cross the Rockies through the Kicking Horse Pass. The boom that was on previous to this collapsed and many began to desert the town.

In 1881 Mr. Oliver married Miss Harriet Dunlop, of Prairie Grove, Manitoba, and her brother, Alex. Dunlop, joined him in his newspaper enterprise.

In 1883 they secured a better printing outfit, but when the C.P.R. changed the plans of its route Mr. Dunlop severed his connection with the Bulletin, but Mr. Oliver hung on to his paper and Edmonton with that tenacity which is characteristic of the man.

In 1883 Mr. Oliver was elected to the council of the Northwest Terri-

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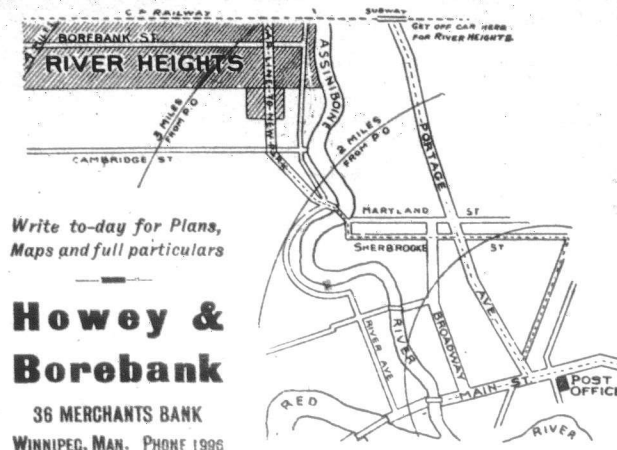
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