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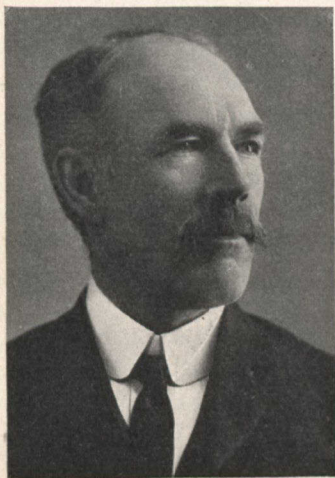
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## IN THE PUBLIC VIEW



Hon. John C. Kaine  
Minister Without Portfolio in the Quebec Government

HON. JOHN C. KAINE is Minister without portfolio in the Quebec Government. Mr. Kaine is a solitary instance of an Irish-Canadian who has attained to high political eminence in a land of Frenchmen — the Drummond family being the other notable Irish group in Quebec Province. He is a lumberman and thus actively identified with one of the constructive trade interests of a land whose forests are still big in the world's markets. Mr. Kaine was born in Quebec City in 1854 and has been a member of the Legislative Assembly since November, 1904. He was sworn in as Minister without portfolio in January, 1906. Mr. Kaine is not a natural politician, but a thorough, representative business man.

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A NEW commander for the Canadian "navy" is announced — Captain C. E. Kingsmill, of His Majesty's battleship "Dominion." He will succeed Commander Spain. Commander Kingsmill's duties will not be particularly momentous. His chief concern will be to keep United States fishing marauders out of Canadian waters. He was born in Guelph in 1855; a son of the late Judge Kingsmill; educated at Upper Canada College.

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FOUR Rhodes scholars have recently been chosen from as many provinces in Canada. These are all youthful men; perhaps as earnest a group of young scholars as Canada ever turned out. From Manitoba goes Mr. Howard Henry; from Ontario, Mr. Kaspar Fraser; from Quebec—McGill University—Mr. F. E. Hawkins; from Prince Edward Island, Mr. R. Leitch. These young men will proceed to draw fifteen hundred dollars a year for three years scholarship at Oxford. This seems like a good deal of money for learning; but living at Oxford comes high; much higher than in the University of Toronto or McGill where a student gets through on four hundred dollars a year—which includes a margin for out-of-college amusements, whereas at Oxford the university is the town and the money is spent inside the gates.

The western man, Mr. Henry, is an Ontario boy born at Wroxeter. He succeeded against four competitors; age, twenty-three; went to Winnipeg at the age of eight; matriculated from the Winnipeg Collegiate in 1902, honours in Greek and English. Two years Mr. Henry spent as a clerk in the Molsons Bank and in 1904 he entered Manitoba College, where he has been a very live student; has been a

prominent footballer and has held as many offices as a student can get. He has also studied music.

Mr. F. E. Hawkins, the McGill scholar, was born in Ottawa. He spent his early years in Quebec; graduated from the High School there in the Ancient Capital and moved with his parents to Montreal just at the beginning of his university career. He has been a brilliant student. Last year he headed the honour English list. He will graduate this year in English and history. On the side he has been a considerable athlete, but seems to have attained the prominence among the harriers and the runners. He is president of the McGill Harriers and secretary of the McGill Track Club. He knows what Paul meant when he talked about running the race. He has found out that the road up Parnassus is pretty steep and sometimes rather rough.

The Edmonton scholar is Mr. G. S. Fife, who is a student at



Mr. R. Leitch  
Rhodes Scholar,  
from Prince Edward Island



Mr. F. E. Hawkins  
Rhodes Scholar,  
from Quebec



Howard R. L. Henry  
Rhodes Scholar,  
from Manitoba

Queen's University. Edmonton has sent one exceedingly bright boy across the water in the person of Mr. Fred Bellamy, who was born in that city and went to Oxford a couple of years ago. Mr. Fife has academic antecedents. His father is teacher in the High School in Edmonton. He will not complete his course before going abroad so that he will have a chance to see what Oxford is doing for his fellow-townsmen, Bellamy. Incidentally it may be noted that Mr. Fife will represent at Oxford considerably more geography than any other scholar in the world except such as have come from either Saskatchewan or Alberta, both of which he represents.

The Ontario man, Mr. Kaspar Fraser, is a son of Professor Fraser of Toronto University. He also is twenty-three years of age—a number which seems to be popular with Rhodes scholars this year. Mr. Fraser is an Upper Canada College boy and won an amateur boxing championship last year.



The Great Fire at Chelsea, Mass., in which 800 buildings were destroyed and thousands of people made homeless. Toronto, Vancouver, Ottawa and St. John are the Canadian cities which have had similar experiences.