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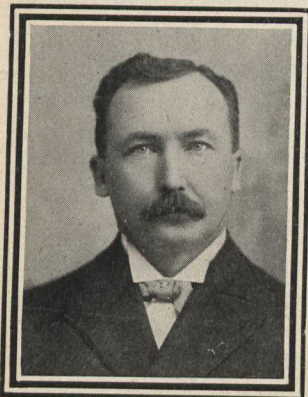
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IN THE PUBLIC VIEW



Hon. Clifford Sifton

statesman. Quite possibly his deafness has had a good deal to do with the ex-Minister's concentration. He has been somewhat aloof from ordinary gossip, to say the least, and that often makes for sound thinking. But with all his deafness, when Mr. Sifton puts an ear to the ground he hears things. His recent speech has stamped him indelibly on the public imagination.

THE incomprehensible Mr. Sifton has been as much discussed of late as any man in the Dominion Cabinet. His great constructive speech on the Budget has restored him to the intellectual consideration which for a while he had temporarily lost in speculation upon other matters. Nobody quite understands Mr. Sifton. It is doubtful if he is able to comprehend himself. But it is plain to both his friends and detractors that this statesman has a remarkable mind. That, however, no one has ever denied him — ability to think and to organise and to work. His career in the House and the Government has been spectacular. He has remained in the House as a constructive

ALBERTA'S new University Chancellor is Judge Stuart of the Supreme Court of that province. His appointment at the recent Convocation has already made people in that discerning country comprehend that they have chosen the right man. On the ground of scholarship alone Judge Stuart was the strongest possible candidate. He was a graduate of 1891 from Toronto University—in classics, which had not at that time begun to lose their premierhip among the Arts courses. Besides winning a gold medal in classics Mr. Stuart graduated as an honour man in political science and history. The year following he was given a temporary appointment as lecturer in history on the illness and death of Sir Daniel Wilson, the president. A fellowship from Clark University came to him next and for a brief while he was lecturer on constitutional government in the University of Toronto. Since going to the land of great opportunity where mere scholarship carries proportionately little weight, Judge Stuart has distinguished himself in both law and politics. His practice has always been at Calgary, from which city he sat one session in the first Legislature of Alberta, but was immediately appointed to the Bench. His elevation to the Chancellorship is evidence of a wise faculty of selection in the Senate of the University of Alberta which will be built at Strathcona.

THE accompanying illustration shows Hon. James Bryce in a role with which the public mind has not habitually associated him. There is so much of the academic about Mr. Bryce that he has not been looked upon as a social lion. But it will easily be seen that the British Ambassador has that fine sense of fitness and elegance in dress which distinguishes the cultured and correct Englishman. Besides he has the charm of easy conversation in society; he carries an air of ease and amiability into his intercourse with people. He is especially sincere and his allusions are those of a highly cultured gentleman who in the stress of politics has not forgotten the amenities of sociable intercourse. So far as the technique of dress is concerned Mr. Bryce is said to hold

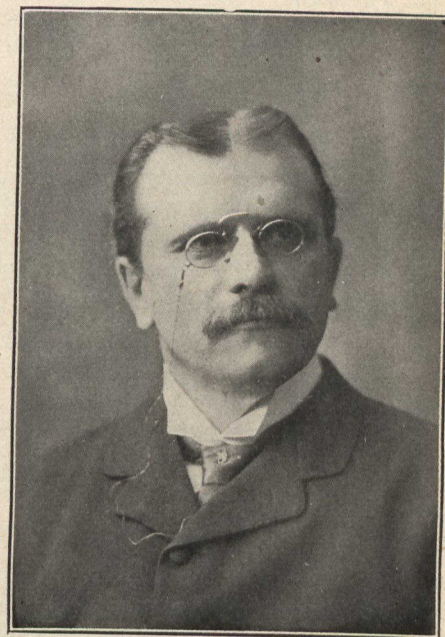
the record for speed in dressing for a public function; rumour has it that he was able on one occasion to shave and dress for a public dinner in seven minutes.

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HON. MR. BRODEUR, who has been made the subject of repeated attacks during the present session by the Dominion Opposition, has been a Minister since 1904. Previous to that he was Speaker of the House. After being Minister of Inland Revenue for about two years, he became Minister of Marine and Fisheries on the death of Hon. Raymond Prefontaine.

Mr. Brodeur was born at Beloeil, P.Q., in 1862 and graduated LL.B. from Laval in 1884. Like so many of the Quebec barristers he has dabbled in journalism, and previous to his election to the House, he was editor of *Le Soir*, Montreal.

As Speaker and as Minister of Inland Revenue, Mr. Brodeur made a good impression. As a member of the Tariff Commission which went about the country investigating commercial conditions, he increased his reputation. When he went to the Imperial Conference, he seemed to have reached the front rank of Canadian statesmen. It is, therefore, a considerable surprise to the public that serious attack should now be made on his administration. He is probably the victim of circumstances. When he took over the Marine and Fisheries it was in a bad way, since his predecessors in



Hon. L. P. Brodeur

office had paid more attention to politics than to the details of their department. His deputy was old and apparently unable to keep his department up-to-date. Mr. Brodeur probably erred in being too lenient with officials who had been in the service since the days of the Conservative regime, and hesitated to take such action as would have left him open to the charge of dismissing Conservative appointees for the purpose of substituting Liberal appointees. If the Civil Service had been on a proper basis, Mr. Brodeur might have avoided much of the trouble which has come to him. Without a Civil Service Commission to see that the employees in each department are doing their work properly, a Cabinet Minister is in an awkward position. If he dismisses employees, he is condemned for partisanship; if he does not dismiss, he is likely to have inefficiency in his department.

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THE reappearance of Scholes in his shell in training for the Olympic Regatta is cause of a great deal of congratulatory contentment among the admirers of this real exponent of Canadian oarsmanship. Scholes is as fine a specimen of physique as Canada ever sent abroad. He has an uncommon build. There is so little of the freak in Lou's constitution and so much that to the lover of purely constructive lines in anatomy appeals to the portraiture as well as to the sportsman. He has a well-balanced physique as to height and weight and range.



The activities of a British Ambassador are wide and varied. Mr. Bryce is here shown with Dr. Carey Thomas, president of one of the best known women's universities in the United States.

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