

## The Presidential Procession

Though time and space alike are limited for publication work, we cannot publish a Kiwanis-featuring issue without finding room for a brief reference to the presidential procession.

As will be understood by all, the man who had not a little to do with the initial success of the Organization was its first President, and the club was fortunate in the selection for that office of Mr. Roy Long, who happens to be a Vancouver barrister. Those who have heard Mr. Long must have been impressed by his sprightliness of personality, his wealth of literary allusions, and that confidence in address that comes in some measure from oratorical practise in the legal-profession. Without reference to Party ties, and long before "Roy's" name was mentioned in any political connection, the writer expressed the opinion that the first president of the Kiwanis Club gave promise of proving a man who,



should he enter public life, might ultimately find open to him any position in the Provincial Government. We adhere to that view and advise those interested to "wait and see!" Kiwanians of the first year paid Roy the compliment of insisting on his retaining office for a second term, and in doing so he did notable work towards consolidating the organization.

As president, Mr. Long set a standard that ordinary business men

might be excused for finding it hard to follow. Yet in Messrs. Archie Teetzel, George Cunningham, and Alf. Foreman, the club found capable successors. Dean Coleman, because of his outstanding scholastic and literary ability, was perhaps in a class by himself; and then Dr. Will Burnett, who was selected for the so important "Harding Memorial" year, will go down in the history of the club as one of its best chairmen.

## The Present President

It can be said without flattery that the 1926 president is an attractive subject for comment. When it is mentioned that his name is "Bruce" no one should need to ask of what stock he comes; but it is one of the interesting features of "Charlie's" personal history that he is able to claim to be a native of England, as his parents happened to be resident in the Southern part of the Island when he was born.

Like many other Scots from home—and yet very much at home as Canadians in Canada—"Charlie," though still a young man in the "forties," has already had a varied experience. He has gone "through the mill" in connection with his own line of business, and has made head-



"CHARLIE"

way from salesman or assistant, first with the firm of David Spencer, Ltd., and afterwards with Messrs. Clubb & Stewart. As a "clerk" he was prominent in the Employees' Association, and did his bit towards securing the weekly half-holiday.

From what we have gathered from an independent source, Mr. Bruce has, in the course of the last five years, "wrestled through" a situation affecting business conditions in such a way as augurs well for his work in the Kiwanis presidency. Changing markets in these years following the war have tested the

courage as well as the capital of many men and firms. Some may simply have been more fortunate than others. But in other cases the "weathering of the storm" has been due to honesty of purpose, self-denial, and the fact that other men and firms have been ready to recognize sterling worth of character, and been satisfied that, given reasonable consideration and a fair field, certain men would not only "breast the blows of circumstance" but probably "come up smiling," capped by Success. Personal impressions gained over a period of years, no less than what one may call inside information from the outside, inclines the writer to prophesy that "Charlie" will be found in the latter class. At any rate, whatever may be the future of Kiwanis, we believe the Vancouver club is assured a safe and sensible Captaincy during the year 1926.

## "HARRY" THE "HUB" OF THE CLUB

And the Power Behind the President (See picture on Page 16)

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As secretary of Vancouver Kiwanis Club, Harry Nobbs no doubt was at an advantage in having been one of the club's organizers, for, as some of us remember well, he and Al. Struthers were the active agents who secured the "Charter" members. But, as everyone knows, who has

had experience of secretarial and kindred duties, much more than initial knowledge of an institution is necessary if a man is to continue for years the successful direction and oversight of the multifarious details involved in the work of various committees drawn from a mem-

bership of over 200, whose meetings alone mean a business conclave at lunch time daily. Whatever Harry's limitations may be, perhaps the best testimonial to his work as secretary is to be found in the fact that every president of the club from "Roy I." (who reigned for two years), has