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## IN THE PUBLIC VIEW



Hon. Lomer Gouin,  
Premier of Quebec.

**T**HE Liberal Ministry in Quebec have appealed to the province and on Monday next the elections will take place. The present regime dates back to 1897, when the Hon. F. G. Marchand, litterateur and statesman, became Premier. When his greatly regretted death occurred in 1900, the Hon. S. N. Parent succeeded. Mr. Parent was Mayor of Quebec, a prominent Liberal and presumably supported by Sir Charles Fitzpatrick and Sir Wilfrid Laurier. When he appealed to the province for re-election, he found the Conservatives disorganised and unprepared. The result was a Legislature of 74 members, of whom only seven were Conservatives. Mr. Parent did not remain long in office. There was some dissatisfaction, and he retired to become Chairman of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission.

His successor was the Honourable Lomer Gouin, the present Premier.

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**M**R. GOUIN was born at Grondines in 1862, so that he is still a comparatively young man. He was educated at Sorel and Levis, and called to the bar in 1884. He has at different times been a partner with such famous men as Hon. L. O. Taillon and Hon. Honore Mercier. In addition, he married the latter's daughter and thus to some extent bears the mantle of the greatest hero Quebec has had in the last twenty years, Sir Wilfrid Laurier alone excepted. Three years after his marriage, 1891, he ran for the House of Commons in Richelieu but was defeated. In 1897, he was elected to the Legislature for St. James Division, Montreal. He still represents that seat, where he is now opposed by Mr. Henri Bourassa, the Nationalist Liberal, who last year resigned his seat in the House of Commons to fight an unsuccessful battle with the Hon. Mr. Turgeon in Bellechasse.

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**I**N Quebec, the party organisations are not quite so effective in matters of discipline as in Ontario, and the voters do not adhere so closely to party lines. They are hero-worshippers to some extent and if a talented candidate catches their fancy they will vote

for him no matter what his politics. Further, the nominating convention is not so important and is often entirely omitted. Hence there are often three-cornered fights, with only personality to make a decision. For these reasons, the result of a general election cannot be foretold with any scientific accuracy. It would appear, however, that Premier Gouin will be returned with a large majority, though the strength of the Opposition will likely be increased. Mr. Gouin predicts a different result, but political leaders are expected to be buoyant and hopeful in the extreme.

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**T**HE Royal Society has been meeting at Ottawa. The following new members have been elected: Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Dr. W. F. King, Dr. James Hannay, Dr. Nicholls, Sir Francis Langelier, Prof. Maignault, Prof. Rivard, Prof. Wrong, Prof. Harkness and Prof. Mackenzie. Dr. Roy, assistant archivist, succeeds Dr. S. E. Dawson as president.

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**P**RINCIPAL PETERSON of McGill has been in Halifax speaking on "True Imperialism," and incidentally paying his respects to Mr. J. S. Ewart and Judge Longley, both of whom have views quite different from those he is propounding. The Principal is a United-Empire advocate and would tie the Colonies to the Motherland with bands of sentiment, common aims and closer business relations. His views are much the same as those held by Lord Grey and Lord Milner, two Imperialists who stand high in the Principal's estimation.

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**P**RINCIPAL PETERSON also shows his continued confidence in a strenuous Imperialism by appointing Mr. Stephen B. Leacock to succeed Professor Flux in the chair of Political Economy at McGill. Mr. Leacock was associate in this department and recently made a tour of the Empire as Rhodes lecturer.

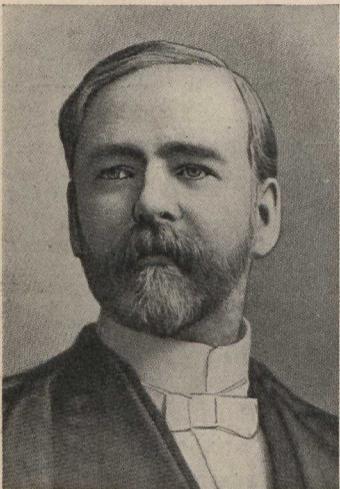
Professor H. O. Keay has been promoted to be head of the railway department. A successor to Dr. Roddick, dean of the Medical Faculty, and one to Dr. Bovey, dean of the Faculty of Applied Science, will be chosen shortly. Professors Smart and Brown received promotions and Professor R. E. Macnaughton's resignation was accepted.

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**L**ORD MOUNT STEPHEN has presented another \$650,000 to the King's Hospital Fund. It is said that his lordship's gifts to public institutions now amount to twelve million dollars. The original promoters of the Canadian Pacific and Great Northern have had a busy time distributing their enormous wealth. This latest gift from Lord Mount Stephen was in the form of 5,000 shares of Great Northern stock.



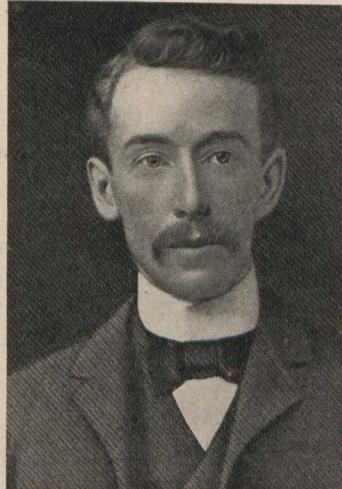
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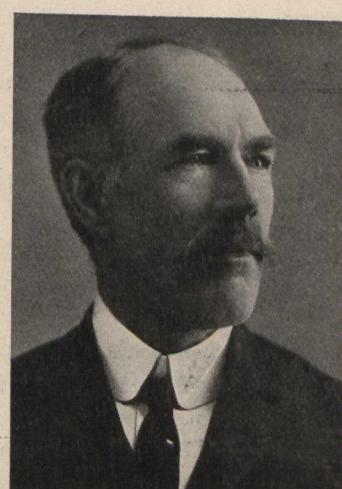
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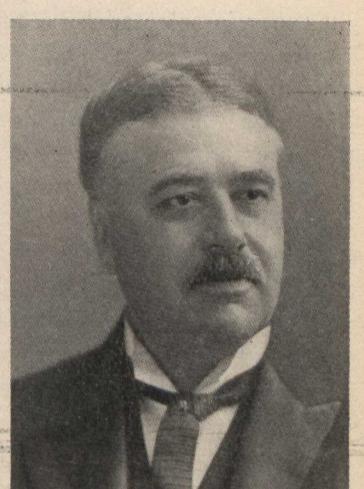
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