

Mr. Lukin Johnson

President Vancouver Branch, B.C. Institute of Journalists.
(The "Branch" is now the "Trunk.")

Through the absence from Vancouver of Mr. Lukin Johnston at the time of the final organization meetings of the original "Provincial" Institute of Journalists, others may (like the writer) have made Mr. Johnston's acquaintance only after his return to the city the other month, when he was elected President of the Vancouver branch, for which office his name and that of Mr. J. S. Cowper were submitted by a formation committee.

As the picture will indicate, a first impression of Mr. Johnston suggests a very presentable personality, and even limited opportunities for conversation and contact with him will readily reveal the genial gentleman and the man of wide interests and broad sympathies—as newspapermen and journalists, from junior reporters up, tend to become.

Whatever may now be the development of the local "Institute," journalistic brethren will be pleased but not surprised to learn that this young president, in common with many other men who have made a name for themselves in journalism or literature, has had a varied experience of life and work.

We did not ask him the name of his birthplace, much less the year of his birth, but his speech indicates that he is of that type of Briton from the Southern part of the Island who not only "makes good," but helps to extend the weight and worth and width of the British Empire.

In the course of extensive travels all over the Dominion, Mr. Johnston at intervals between 1904 (when he came to Canada) and 1911, be it noted to his credit, and the credit of that true British spirit of enterprise and adaptability, earned his living as farmer, banker, freight-handler, labourer in



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G.T.P. construction camps, singer in moving picture theatre, and fruit rancher and retail lumberman.

With such a record for or against him, others will rejoice with the B.C.M. that such a man—now a journalist—is the president of what is, or may be the parent body of an organization which, whatever its limitations in form or scope, is open to become of social and fraternal service to young newspaper men at least.

His work in British Columbia.

Mr. Johnston's early education was received at King's school, Canterbury. His career and journalistic connections in British Columbia may be summed up thus: 1909, Settled in B.C. and on the staff of "Daily Province"; 1911 to 1913, managing editor of Cowichan Leader of Duncan, B.C.; 1913 to 1915 news-editor "Daily Colonist," Victoria; 1919, rejoined staff of Vancouver "Daily Province" on his return from overseas.

His Service Overseas.

Mr Johnston's varied experience in other lines has been capped by service overseas, which may be summarised as follows: 1915, joined 88th Battalion, Victoria, B.C. 1916, 16th Battalion, France; successively Staff Captain, "Intelligence" 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade; Staff Captain 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade; Sept. 1918, Major Deputy assistant Adjutant General; November, 1918, mentioned in despatches.

It is also of interest to know that Mr. Johnston is the Pacific Coast correspondent for "the Thunderer," the London "Times," and is a member of the Author's Club, London, England.

Those who, because of our country's geographical position, recognize the clamant need there is for Eastern and Western Canada alike and together striking the Imperial note and maintaining British Empire ideals in these stirring and momentous times, will follow with hopeful anticipation the career of President Johnston, not merely as chief of the young journalistic body in B.C., but in any other public service he may be called upon to take part. D.A.C.

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