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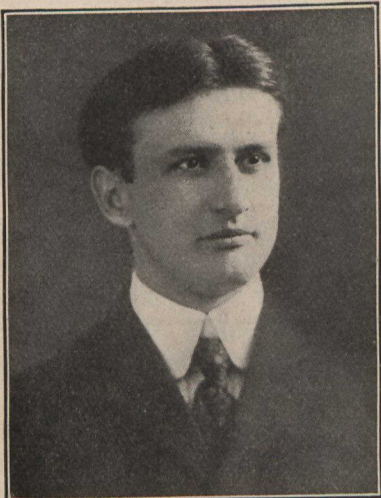
Hon. J. M. Gibson,
Ontario's next Lieutenant-Governor.

GOVERNMENT House hospitality in Toronto is again to be dispensed by a military man. The new Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. Colonel Gibson, is as well known to the militia of Canada as a marksman and military organiser as he is to the average civilian as a member of Legislature and Cabinet. There is less resemblance between the Hon. Colonel and Sir Mortimer Clarke than between the latter and Sir Oliver Mowat, who was the most recent other member of the Ontario Legislature and Cabinet to become Governor in the province. Sir Mortimer has been one of the most gracious men that ever gave State dinners in Canada. He has been as remarkable for the number and variety of his public addresses as Earl Grey; and it is not remembered that he ever made a bad speech. As Colonel Gibson is a military man he will per-

haps do less talking; and he may not diffuse quite so much dignified urbanity as did Sir Mortimer. But he has done more for the cause of rifle shooting than any other man in Canada; and that should entitle him to considerable respect as Governor even if he should choose to read his speeches.

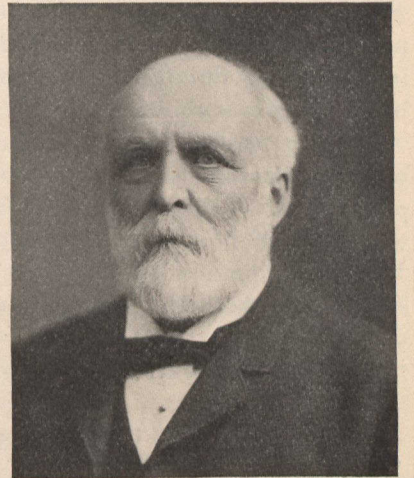
Hon. Mr. Gibson has had a busy and a constructive career. He has lived most of his life in Hamilton, was born near there, educated there and hung out his first shingle there as a lawyer. At the present time he is one of the best known citizens of Hamilton—though he has never been a popular idol. Thirty-five years he spent in the militia; and nearly thirty years in Ontario politics. He is a veteran of the Fenian Raid and he was lieutenant of the Thirteenth Battalion at Ridgeway. At that time he was a young man of twenty-four and had not become so dangerous with a rifle as he became in the seventies when he began to be a member of rifle teams and to win prizes. He has done as much for the Thirteenth as ever he did for the Liberal party in Ontario politics. He has held portfolios under three successive premiers, Sir Oliver Mowat, Hon. A. S. Hardy and Hon. G. W. Ross. He has been Provincial Secretary, Crown Lands Commissioner and Attorney-General. Had he remained in politics there would have been nothing further for him but the Premiership, to which, however, he never aspired and for which popular opinion never designated him.

He has the satisfaction now of taking precedence of the Premier who so long sat in thundering opposition to him in the good old fighting days when the Ross Government was riding its last horse. His career in the Legislature was always constructive. He has done a great deal for the Ontario statute book, notably in the laws affecting fish and game, license laws and an Act for the Prevention of Cruelty to and Better Protection of Children. In business he has been highly successful and has become identified prominently with schemes of power that had more to do with electricity than with politics. He will make one of the most conspicuous and representative Governors Ontario ever had.



Prof. Muir Edwards, B. Sc.

HAVING furnished Alberta University with a president, McGill University has now sent a member of the faculty in the person of Prof. W. Muir Edwards, B.Sc., who will take charge of all scientific instruction in that institution. Prof. Edwards is the nephew of a Senator and son of Dr. Edwards of Moosejaw. He was educated in Montreal and being yet a young man will have an opportunity of laying a broad foundation for a career of large usefulness in a country that needs just all the ideals and culture it can get. At present educational matters belong to a very respectable minority in that country. At a public meeting on university matters the other day in Regina there was a corporal's guard in attendance. The province is absorbed just now in wheat and has just had an election. At the same time it is significantly true that considering the absolute newness of things in that land there has been more educational progress in the West than ever there was in the older provinces in a similar period of time.

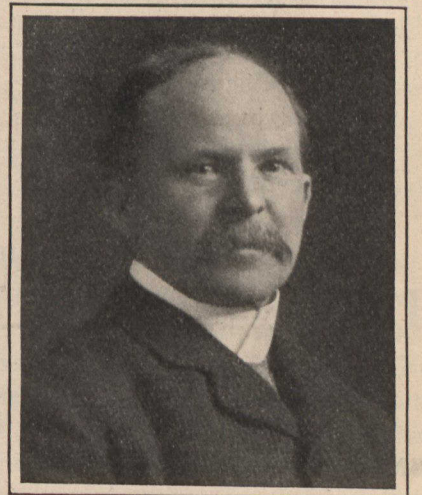


The late Mr. John Fensom,
Founder Fensom Elevator Works.

CANADA is now old enough in the manufacturing business to have elderly pioneers. She is not too old to feel the loss when one of these passes away. Many of them have waged stern battles with adverse forces such as a new country faces, and found success a difficult task. Yet they have won and imprinted their names indelibly upon the nation's industrial records.

The late Mr. John Fensom was born in England nearly 80 years ago. His family migrated to America when he was a boy of about eight years. They settled in Providence, Rhode Island State, afterwards removing to Pawtucket and then into Massachusetts where he learned the trade of machinist. When a young man, Mr. Fensom's family moved to Canada, eventually establishing Fensom's Mills in Grey County. Mr. Fensom came to Toronto later and was married there in 1854. He then took up saw-mill building and general machine work, making Collingwood his headquarters. There he met reverses by fire and came to Toronto, where he gradually built up a machine manufacturing business, calling it the Central Iron Works. His special line of manufacture in that city was cotton mills and factory equipment. About thirty-five years ago he took up elevators as a specialty and established the Fensom Elevator Works, Toronto, and continued actively in the manufacture of elevators until about three years ago, when his company amalgamated with the Otis Elevator Company, the business being now the Otis-Fensom Elevator Company, of which his son, Mr. George H., is general manager.

TO be treasurer of a company whose gross annual receipts are nearly ninety million dollars looks like a highly responsible office. The man upon whom this responsibility has recently devolved is Mr. H. E. Suckling, who succeeds Mr. W. S. Taylor, C. P. R. treasurer since 1884. Mr. Suckling is not a beginner in railway matters. Though still a young man as usefulness goes, he was treasurer of the old Credit Valley road way back in 1874, and until 1883. Later on, he became local treasurer of the C. P. R. in Toronto; afterwards assistant-treasurer in Montreal.



Mr. H. E. Suckling,
Treasurer C. P. R.