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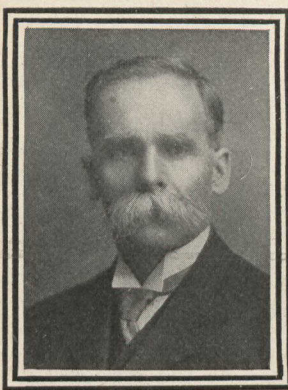
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IN THE PUBLIC VIEW



Hon. Frank Oliver.

delight in saying things that parliamentary etiquette does not permit him to say in Ottawa. Occasionally, however, the Minister of the Interior finds that there are some things in the interior which even the Minister is unable to get at. It was so last summer when Mr. Oliver wanted to look over the fine herd of buffaloes which his Department had the enterprise to seduce away from Montana right under the nose of Uncle Sam. The first instalment of the noble three hundred had been herded in a park near the town of Lamont, Sask., several weeks before the Hon. Frank arrived in the West. They had found out a few things about that section of the interior which the Minister did not know. One day in company with Mr. Frank Walker, M.L.A. from Fort Saskatchewan, Mr. Oliver decided he would look over his new subjects. The two Franks drove many miles to reach the park. When they arrived they found there had been some hitch in the arrangements. From the top of the fence the Minister of the Interior could see nor hide nor hair of the buffaloes; and as buffaloes do not come by calling, the Minister had to take satisfaction in saying things about the animals that no Speaker would allow in the House. For Mr. Oliver long ago adopted a language when driving dogs on the prairie that contained more meaning to the minute than any other language in that land.

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ON Mr. William Whyte, president of the Canadian Club of Winnipeg, has devolved a great and serious work. At Ottawa last week he was chairman of the gathering of Canadian Club representatives convened by His Excellency on behalf of his Quebec National Park scheme. Mr. Whyte was also chosen permanent chairman of the central committee of Canadian Club representatives who are to assist a larger committee with this work. It will be the business of Mr. Whyte and his as-



Mr. William Whyte.

HON. FRANK OLIVER has once more come out as a true fighting Westerner. During the past few days in the House he has been fighting Mr. Cockshutt on the immigration question. He has come out as the champion of Government irrigation in the dry belt and he has refused to produce in the House original papers affecting his department. As Mr. Oliver is Minister of the Interior he might reasonably be expected to have some inward secrets that he does not care to divulge. He is himself one of the most sphinx-like men. Nobody in the West has ever been able to calculate from the look on his face what Oliver might say or do. At his home city of Edmonton he takes great

sociates to organise all the Canadian Clubs in the Dominion for their portion of the undertaking and to direct the efforts of each along general lines of action. As no central organisation has ever before tried to unify the Canadian Club movement even for a temporary purpose, Mr. Whyte's task is delicate and difficult. That he should be chosen for the work is a high compliment.

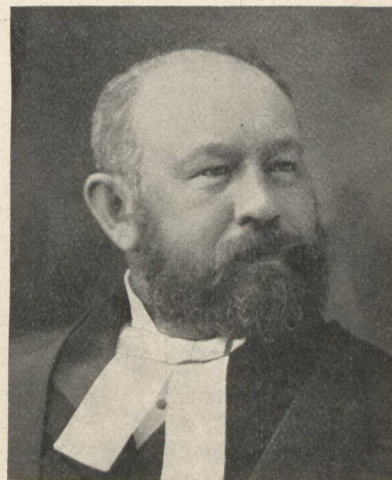
Curiously enough, Mr. Whyte is not a Canadian by birth. He is a Scot from Fifeshire and got his early business training with a Scottish railway. At twenty years of age he came to Canada and entered the service of the Grand Trunk Railway. After twenty years of service with them in Stratford, London and Toronto, he became general superintendent of the Credit Valley Railway and thus by rapid stages to be second vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway. For ten years he has been western manager for that greatest of Canadian corporations.

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IN a city which a generation ago was called "Pile-o-Bones," three hundred graduates in Arts have just been given degrees by the new University of Saskatchewan. Since the buffalo days when it was known by its ossified name, Regina has been successively the Mounted Police headquarters for the Territories, capital of the Territories and capital of the new Province of Saskatchewan. It has now become an educational centre. The University of Saskatchewan was brought into existence a few days ago in the first convocation on the eighth of January, when Chief Justice Wetmore, the Chancellor, delivered the leading address. Eastern educationists of high standing also spoke at this inaugural event. In the early days and until Regina became the capital of Saskatchewan, the colleges of the middle west were at Prince Albert. Then Regina was the capital of Assiniboia; its chief attraction to visitors was the Mounted Police headquarters transferred there from Macleod in 1883 when the capitalship of the Northwest Territories was taken from Battleford on the Saskatchewan and given to Regina. Five governors were elected at the Convocation, respectively from Regina, Moosejaw, Saskatoon, Maple Creek and Prince Albert. A few years ago buffalo bones were being shipped in carloads from Moosejaw, which is a few hours' ride from the new university city. Chief Justice Wetmore is the first University Chancellor appointed west of Winnipeg.

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THE newest railway appointee in the West—the land of railways—is Mr. J. R. Cameron, who on Monday last became general superintendent of the Canadian Northern's entire system in the West. Mr. Cameron is an old railway man and he knows that big country well. He has graduated from the superintendency of the Winnipeg-Port Arthur division and has practically grown up with the country and the Canadian Northern. Years ago Mr. Cameron was train-master on the Northern Pacific in Manitoba, running between Winnipeg and Grand Forks, N.D. After the retirement of the Northern Pacific from Manitoba, Mr. Cameron went on with the Canadian Northern. Three years ago he went out to the construction camps west of Kamsack, a divisional point on the Canadian Northern. About a year ago he switched back to Port Arthur as superintendent of the first district. Now he has headquarters in Winnipeg. His home is in St. John, N.B. Twenty years he has been a railroader in the West, so that he knows the country and its railway problems as well as any old-timer can be expected to know. Mr. Albert Wilcox will succeed Mr. Cameron as superintendent at Port Arthur. He also is a pioneer western railroader; with the C.P.R. in 1883; in 1887 chief train despatcher at Moosejaw, and four years ago chief despatcher at Port Arthur for the Canadian Northern. Afterwards he was made superintendent of the second division.



Chief Justice Wetmore.