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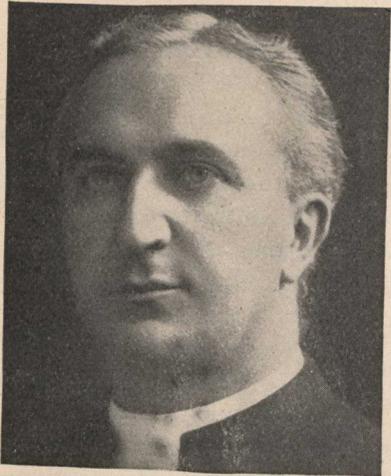
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## IN THE PUBLIC VIEW



Dean Farthing,  
Anglican Bishop-Elect of Montreal.

**T**HE new Bishop of Montreal has earned well his title. No bishop has ever been chosen in Canada during recent years with so much expenditure of brain power on the part of a Synod. Bishop Farthing is the result of a deadlock which lasted for weeks and involved the names of four candidates. When the invitation was at last extended to Bishop Lang, that dignitary declined just in time to be translated to a higher sphere.

Church men who were supposed to be good authorities contended that there was no use trying to find a Bishop of Montreal in Canada. Now the man has been found in Kingston and no one doubts his eminent fitness for the position. Bishop Farthing has come in for a number of smart jibes in the daily

press—concerning his name. Most of the scribes, however, have forgotten that they may be, after all, but penny-wise and perhaps pound foolish. Bishop Farthing was born in Cincinnati, but his parents were English and the Bishop is a good Canadian by bringing up. Most of his school and academic training he got in England; graduating from Cambridge in 1885; ordained by Bishop Baldwin, of Huron, in that year and installed as clergyman of Trinity Church, Durham. Three years later he went to Woodstock as curate of St. Paul's; the following year being made rector. Two years ago he was made Dean of Ontario and appointed to St. George's Cathedral in Kingston. In that city he has become a popular and influential figure; a man who has won enviable distinction by his fine preaching and breadth of view; who has made many warm friends. He goes to the Bishopric of Montreal while still a young man with perhaps the best part of his career to make.

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**T**HE man who in restoring the reformatory to its real and true status has robbed the reformatory of most of its terror was a distinguished visitor and speaker in Canada a week ago at the Conference upon Charities and Correction. Mr. J. A. Leonard has charge of the most remarkable reformatory in the world. The Mansfield Reformatory in Ohio has done more to make good, useful men out of so-called criminals than any other house of correction anywhere. Not long ago a remarkable series of stories was running

in one of the United States weeklies showing how the average prison makes hardened criminals and murderers of men merely gone wrong. The Mansfield institution reverses the process. It is not a prison; it is a moral hospital where the disease of crime is treated as skilfully as bodily disease is treated in a sanitarium. Mr. Leonard pointed out that the school and the street and the home are more to be considered in the making of criminals than heredity. He accuses the school and home of leaving too much to the street. This is true in the United States; it is becoming more and more the case in Canada. In the school, ethics is neglected. People are so busy getting education that many of them have no time to get moral manhood. In Mansfield

Reformatory they have a school of ethics where those boys who missed that subject at school may get a first moral training. Most of this teaching, while not absolutely new even in Canada, had never been enunciated before with such eminent and practical authority. Mr. Leonard has preached a thousand sermons in one to the Conference on Charities and Correction. His views have been sown broadcast by the newspapers. They will be still further disseminated by most wise and thoughtful preachers and principals of schools—perhaps even parents.

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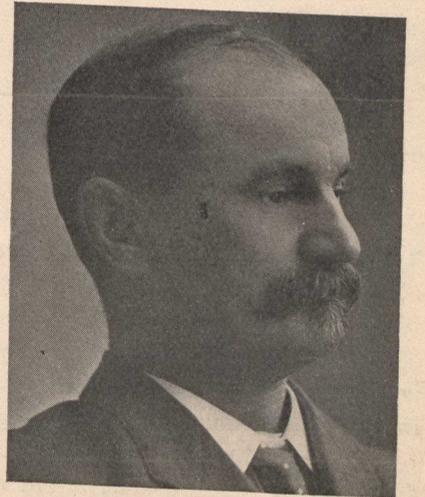
**T**HE Conference of Charities and Correction, recently held in Toronto, reached some advanced conclusions regarding prison reform. Among those who have for years advocated more discriminating and scientific methods in dealing with criminals is Dr. J. T. Gilmour, Warden of the Central Prison, Toronto. Dr. Gilmour is a native of Durham County, Ontario, was educated at Port Hope High School and Trinity University, Toronto, graduating in medicine in 1878. He practised his profession in West Toronto for some years, established the *York Tribune* and represented West York (Liberal) in the Ontario Legislature (1886-1894). He was appointed Registrar of Deeds for York in 1894, but in 1896 became Warden of the Central Prison. Dr. Gilmour is an official of wide experience, has the combination of shrewdness and sympathy essential to one holding his responsible position and possesses both a sense of humour and a literary appreciation which render his public addresses more effective than the majority of deliverances on penology. Dr. Gilmour is a man who accomplishes the maximum of reform with the minimum of fuss. All the heavy responsibilities of his wardenship have failed to diminish a geniality of spirit which made him the most popular "chairman" whom West York has known.

The American Prison Association, of which Dr. Gilmour was recently elected chief officer at Richmond, Virginia, is continental in scope and has, for the first time, elected a Canadian to presidential honours. To the attention which is now being directed to problems of criminology the Warden of the "Central" will doubtless contribute an enlightened share.

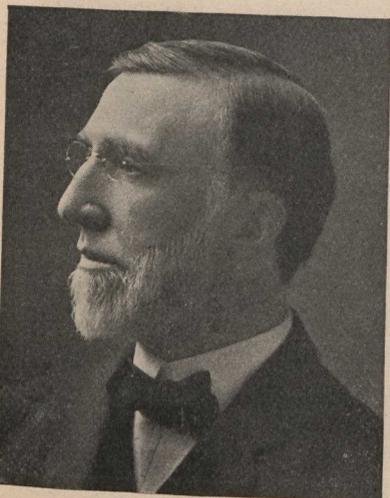
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**H**ON. MR. TEMPLEMAN, who was defeated in British Columbia and thereby lost both a seat in the Commons and the portfolio of Mines, is wanted back in the Cabinet. The Canadian Mining

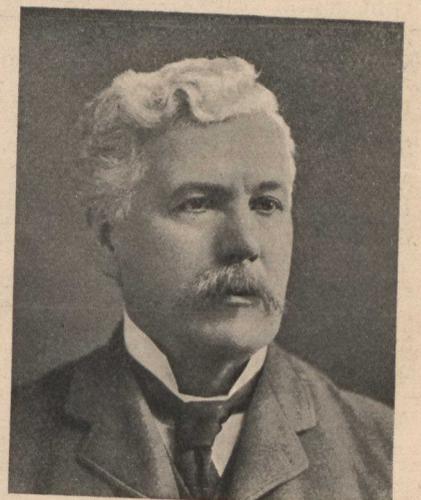
Institute wants him; the Toronto branch of that body has addressed a resolution to the Premier asking that a seat be found for the first Minister of Mines in Canada. Mr. Templeman had the honour of inaugurating the portfolio of Mines, which is little more than a year old. He has made it a good working department. Hailing from a province full of mines, he has gone in for helping the miner. The subject, to be sure, was very deep; but Mr. Templeman has been always equal to the occasion. He has won the confidence of miners. By this we understand that he has not been a speculator in mining properties. Mr. Templeman was the man who put lobsters in the Pacific, thereby showing his concern in the watery depths of British Columbia.



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