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MEN OF TO-DAY

A Commission in Fish

THE fishing season is on. Among all the thousands of people who go abroad with hook and line, three men lately appointed by the Ottawa Government will have a better chance to accumulate fish stories than all the rest put together. These are the members of the Commission appointed to investigate the fisheries of the West. They are: Prof. Prince, of Ottawa; Mr. D. F. Reid, of Selkirk; and Mr. Thomas L. Metcalfe, of Winnipeg. These men will discover what is wrong with the fish problem in the West. This is something new for that country—which, however, has as much fish as ever it had furs and buffaloes. Hundreds of Indians in the north live on fish. The lakes and bays and even the rivers are theoretically teeming with fish. Clear from the Red River to the mouth of the sandy Mackenzie there are fish waters such as no other country in any of the Americas is able to show. But there is trouble as to who gets some of the fish and as to what becomes of a good deal of the fish; for some of the waters are getting shy of fish and some of the monopolists are waxing fat on fish, and leases are being speculated, and the settler is being told to go to the dickens—and there is no man to prohibit all this, unless these Commissioners become wisely busy, which they will speedily begin to do at Winnipeg, and thence to the other two provinces.

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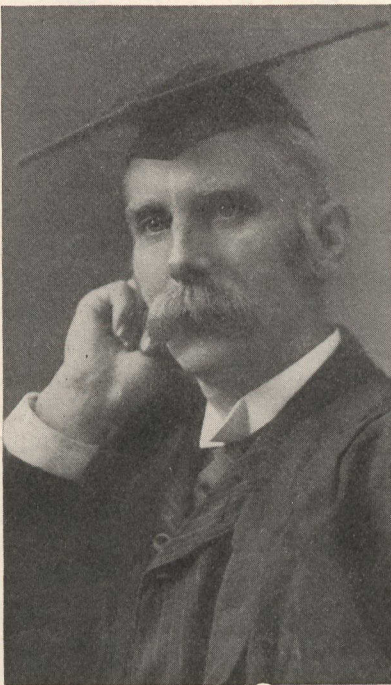
A Fish Savant

PROF. PRINCE is one of the most scholarly and scientific fishermen in the world. He was a scientist at the age of fourteen, when in the town of Leeds, England, where he was born, he won a prize for original work. He went to college; first at St. Andrew's; later at both Edinburgh and Cambridge; went into morphology which is an occult thing and has to do largely with zoology; so that having made researches in morphology, Prof. Prince was appointed senior assistant and demonstrator in zoology in the University of Edinburgh. This was in 1885. The following year he became naturalist at the Marine Laboratory of St. Andrew's, and three years later was secretary of the Commission on Fishery Bait Supply in Scotland. He has written books upon fish. He knows more about fish alive than most people do about fish dead. He is a sort of second to Agassiz, who could draw any known fish offhand from a look at one of its scales. Professor Prince has pried into the deep. He has made a specialty of profound—not to say scaly—subjects. He has not been quoted as an authority on Jonah and the whale; but since his arrival in Canada about sixteen years ago he has identified himself very widely with naturalistic subjects. Indeed, before coming to Canada at all he was confere with Prof. James Mavor, now of Toronto University, in a course of lectures on Social Life in Man and Animals. In 1894 he opened the popular course of lectures in Toronto University with a lecture on Colour in Animals; in which year he was appointed Commissioner and General Inspector of Fisheries for Canada.

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Yellow Fever Expert

DR. WOLFERSTAN THOMAS, a Montreal physician, has returned from a four-year trip to South America, where he was sent by the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine to study fevers. Dr. Thomas has accumulated more knowledge of fevers than



Professor E. E. Prince,
General Inspector of Fisheries for Canada.

perhaps any other living man. He has made a special study of yellow fever; so much so that he has hope of getting the £500,000 prize offered by the Brazilian Government for a yellow-fever cure. Dr. Thomas was the first man to inoculate a monkey with yellow fever—thus supporting Darwin.

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Men on the Level

DEPUTY Minister of Railways Mr. M. J. Butler has been appointed one of the Royal Commission instituted for the purpose of putting the Intercolonial on a common-sense basis of profit and loss. Mr. Butler is a good man for the post. He is one of the most alert and active deputies in Canada. His whole life has been spent on practical out-door problems—since ever he got his first degree of P.L.S. in 1878, afterwards C.E. from the University of Toronto. He is of Irish parentage; born in Deseronto, Ontario; educated at the La Salle Institute in Quebec, and in Toronto. He is a member of three societies of civil engineers and has been for nearly a quarter of a century. Twenty-seven years ago he was assistant engineer on the Kingston and Pembroke Railway; a year later chief engineer, on the Thousand Islands road; chief also of the Napanee, Tamworth and Quebec; all these minor Canadian positions but a prelude to some important work down in the States, where in 1889 he was assistant engineer in charge of the building and water service of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe. In 1891 he was made chief engineer of the Bay of Quinte Railway and Navigation Co.

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A Soldier Athlete

LT.-COL. A. B. CUNNINGHAM, of Kingston, is one of the successful younger men of that military city. He was born there, took his college training there and has practised there since his call to the bar in 1894. He first came into prominence as a footballer and hockey player, in the days when Queen's had usually one or more championship teams. While at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, he maintained his reputation as one of the highest-class athletes ever produced in a Canadian college. Cunningham's name stood for fairness to friend and opponent alike.

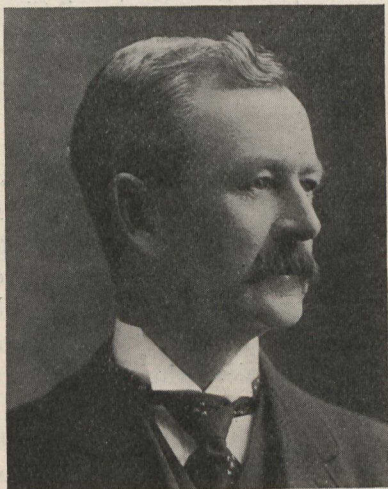
After his college days, Colonel Cunningham took up militia work as the natural hobby of a robust and active citizen. He cemented his connection with the militia by marrying a daughter of Colonel W. D. Gordon, now commanding the Eastern Ontario Military District. Rapid promotion makes him lieutenant-colonel of the 14th Regiment, the Princess of Wales' Own Rifles, at an age

when most militia officers are still captains. He will never be long enough a soldier to regret having been an athlete.

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Young Old Adam Brown

THE oldest postmaster in Canada is not an octogenarian in charge of a rural postoffice served by a stage-driver and toddling about with a cane. He is Adam Brown, postmaster of Hamilton, Ont.—and Adam Brown was eighty-three years old last week. Mr. Brown has been almost sixty years in Hamilton. He has been a public man in more ways than by holding a Government job. He has been a public man in almost every important project launched for the good of the city of Hamilton; and he has been heard on a great many platforms in various parts of the country and on a great diversity of topics. He has never been so much of a political orator; but he had a remarkable gift for speech.



Mr. M. J. Butler,
Deputy Minister of Railways, and one of
three Commissioners for the I.C.R.



Lt.-Col. A. B. Cunningham,
New Commandant 14th P.O.W. Rifles,
Kingston.



Mr. Thomas L. Metcalfe,
Fishery Commissioner,
Winnipeg.