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### MEN OF TO-DAY

*The Member for Yale-Cariboo*

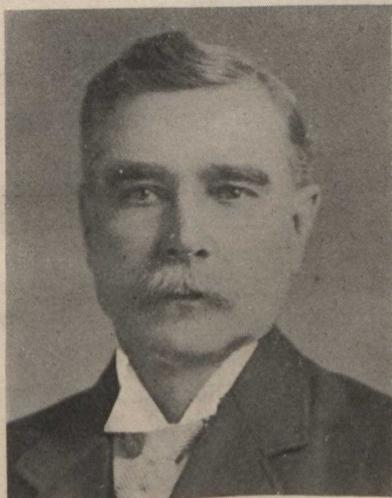
**Y**ALE-CARIBOO is one of the most renowned constituencies in the world. Though it is savagely remote from the haunts of men, its member, Mr. Martin Burrell, is one of the most civilised and agreeable, and altogether humanising men in the whole House of Commons. He is one of its best debaters. He is not a barn-stormer; has none of the "truly western" mannerisms that are commonly associated with a sombrero, mustache and six-shooter. He is an affable, genial man who would rather win than fight his way—though when it comes to fighting he knows how to do that, too. He is not passionately excitable; but he inclines rather to analyze the merits of any case which comes before him in the House.

Mr. Burrell is a fruit rancher and is said to be the best informed man on horticulture and kindred subjects in Ottawa. He learned fruit farming in the Niagara peninsula, where he spent six years before he moved west to Yale-Cariboo. He is not a Canadian by birth; he was born in England—Faringdon, Berkshire, being his birthplace. That was in 1858. He spent seven years in an English bank—County of Gloucester. When he first went to the west he settled at Grand Forks, where in 1899 he began to do fruit-farming. In 1903 he became Mayor of Grand Forks, and the following year ran as Conservative candidate in Yale-Cariboo, being defeated by a narrow majority. Four years he was member of the Board of Horticulture for the province, besides being lecturer and fruit commissioner for the Government of British Columbia in England during the winter of '07-'08. Last general election Mr. Burrell was elected in Yale-Cariboo by a majority of nearly nine hundred, which represents a turn-over of nearly eleven hundred in his favour.

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*Dean of Agriculture*

**N**OW it is the University of Saskatchewan that cries "Back to the land!" There is a real live, practical college of agriculture in process of formation in that new-fledged, and almost new-fangled university which is to rise on the heights of Saskatoon, south branch of the Saskatchewan, where a few years ago the buffaloes chewed their way up the long banks by hundreds of thousands. Of course as a cold matter of fact, there have been farming colleges on the Saskatchewan ever since the Indians settled on the reserves. There was an amiable fiction that the red man who hunted the buffalo and lived in a tepee would be able to acquire agriculture along with the rest of the white man's vices. So on every Indian agency worth while there was appointed a man to teach these wily redskins the art of turning up the soil one year to flop it down the next—but the benevolent experiment never even reached the dimensions of a fad. Here and there the red man does tickle the soil a bit; but he is quite convinced that the white settler has him beaten; and he is quite content to let the University of Saskatchewan set up a college of agriculture. So Prof. W.



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Commissioner I. C. R.



Prof. W. J. Rutherford  
Dean New Agricultural College, Saskatchewan



Mr. Martin Burrell, M.P.  
Yale-Cariboo, B.C.



Mr. E. Tiffin,  
One of the New Commissioners for the I. C. R.

was educated, winding up at the Morrisburg Collegiate Institute. He then taught school—good old-fashioned stepping-stone! But in the year 1900 he went to the Agricultural College at Guelph, which draws young men from the four corners of the earth. In three years he graduated; went to the Iowa Agricultural College at Ames, where he joined the staff of the animal husbandry department. But three years of his native land had not blinded him to the beauties of Canada. In 1906 he went to the Manitoba Agricultural College at Winnipeg. Last June he became deputy commissioner of agriculture in the Saskatchewan Government.

So that Dean Rutherford has been through the agricultural mill quite as much as a man needs to do. He is modern, practical and aggressive; has always been interested in live stock, which is one of the assets of the western farm—and there is no doubt whatever that in the fertile province of Saskatchewan which already grows almost as much wheat as Manitoba, he will succeed in impressing himself on the practical economy of things in an unmistakable way.

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*Western Farm Professor*

**O**NE of the able assistants to Dean Rutherford is to be Professor Bracken, who until recently has been Superintendent of Fairs and Institutes in Saskatchewan. Mr. Bracken was born on a farm; so seldom that a man amounts to much in the way of farming who was not on the farm when he was born. His birthplace was near Seeley's Bay, which is in Leeds County, Ontario. It is just twelve years since he matriculated from the Brockville Collegiate. But though he was a wise young man then with knowledge of roots that never grew on a farm, he went right back to the soil; went back to the old place to manage his father's farm. Of course his father had a well-improved farm and was himself an up-to-date farmer; so that on the Bracken farm there was no such thing as vacant land in fence corners, or hogs five years old that had twice eaten off their own heads before being converted into pork. Mr. Bracken went in to make farming as modern as possible. He read widely; imbibed the scientific principles that distinguish the real from the scratch, haphazard farmer. Then he went to the Agricultural College at Guelph; graduating in fact only two or three years ago—so that if there is anything really ultra-modern in agriculture he has it. After his graduation Mr. Bracken got a position with the seed branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, which he left to become Superintendent of Fairs in Saskatchewan.

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*Two Experienced Commissioners*

**B**ESIDES Mr. Butler and Mr. Pottinger, the Intercolonial Commission will contain two experienced railway operators. Mr. E. Tiffin has been general traffic manager of the road for some time. Before that he was with the C. P. R. Born at Hamilton in 1849, he joined the old Great Western staff at fourteen. Subsequently he spent some years in the United States, later returning to Canada to spend five years with the greatest of Canadian railways.

Mr. F. P. Brady served with two or three railways in Vermont and New Hampshire before he went with the Canadian Pacific. He has served in Montreal, Winnipeg and North Bay as trainmaster and superintendent.