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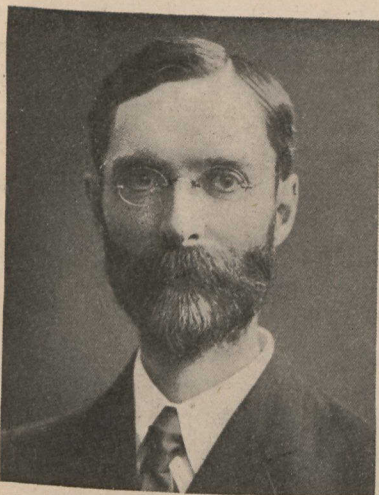
## IN THE PUBLIC VIEW



Mr. W. Sanford Evans,  
Mayor-Elect of Winnipeg.

THAT a young Canadian may often do something worth while which in his college days he never dreamed of doing, has been well demonstrated by the recent election of Mr. W. Sanford Evans as Mayor of Winnipeg. Twenty years ago when Sanford Evans, then a student at Victoria University, wrote for the college paper a sentimental musing called "The Bovine Philosophy," he had not even the ghost of a dream that in 1908 he would be elected Mayor of the most purely commercial city in Canada. In those days he knew nothing of Winnipeg, except that it was the biggest town on the C. P. R. He had never seen the place and had not the faintest notion of what it might feel like to live there. Had he been asked to write

an economic essay on some phase of Canadian development, he might have worked in Winnipeg as an example of a town that raised more frost to the acre than any other town in Canada. But the epic of wheat had not begun in those callow college days. At college we were all slated to become lawyers, doctors, ministers and professors. Sanford Evans had as much leaning towards academic life as any young man that ever graduated from a Canadian college. He could write essays as well as any. He was able to speak gracefully on a platform. He was a wide and discursive reader. But when his father-in-law, Mr. Edward Gurney, was elected Mayor of Toronto in 1887, the young man Evans was in a world of intellectual ideas that never would have made any man mayor of a city unless it had been Athens in the days of Pericles. But twenty-one years later, on the eighth of December, Mr. Evans, ex-newspaper-editor and broker, won the mayoralty of Winnipeg by a majority of nearly 1,500. He has now fought his way into an office that will probably land him in the Dominion Parliament as Conservative member for Winnipeg or some other constituency in Manitoba. By the Manitoba *Free Press* he was slated not long ago as the natural successor to Hon. Frank Oliver as Minister of the Interior, in the event of a Conservative victory. His opposition poohpooed this. He was industriously "knocked." But he is Mayor-elect of Winnipeg—and he knows by this time that Canada has a good many surprises in store for a young man of broad intellect who is willing to stand for principle—even in elections.



Mr. C. E. Saunders,  
Cerealist Dominion Experimental  
Farm, Ottawa.

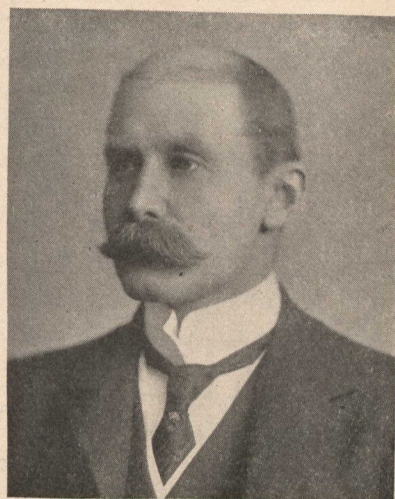
THE political economist whose specialty was making two blades of grass grow in place of one has been distanced by the scientific farmer who contrives to raise a wheat that becomes No. 1 Hard in the frost belt without undue danger from frost. Dr. Charles E. Saunders, of the Dominion Experimental Farm at Ottawa, has been working for years on this problem. He is the Luther Burbank of the wheat. Understanding that it takes the edge of frost temperature to plump the world's best wheat, he undertook to evolve a wheat that would mature in the pernicky region of frost and escape the nip. Every year the north-western wheat-growers are in a state of panic over the impending

descent of frost—a god to whom in the older days farmers would have offered gifts and supplications and devotional dances. But twentieth century religion and science do not recognise the efficacy of incantations. Dr. Saunders took the bull by the horns and began cross-breeding wheats which would produce a grade ripening before the frost and at the same time as hard in fibre as the best No. 1 Hard. He thinks that at last he has succeeded. If so, the farmers of the West will rise up and call him blessed. He will be rewarded with the gratitude of posterity, by thousands who, when they read fantastic stories in the newspapers about wheat capable of two hundred bushels an acre, wagged their heads and said somebody was romancing about wheat.

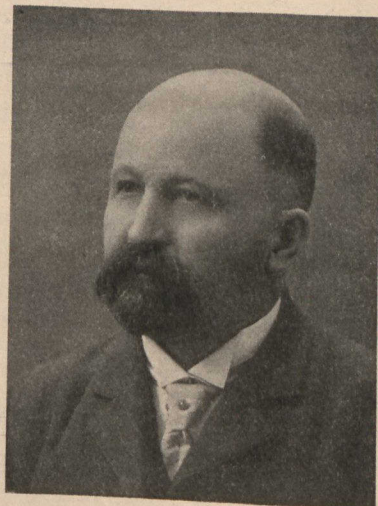
W. R. MOTHERWELL, Commissioner of Agriculture in the Saskatchewan Government, who was defeated in the recent Saskatchewan elections, has just been elected as member for Humboldt. Mr. Motherwell is an ex-student of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and was a pioneer in the West, where he made considerable money growing Brome grass seed for the United States trade, before seeding had become general among Canadian farmers. He is a strong temperance man and consequently is hardly persona grata with the liquor element in either party, which element has paid him the sincere, if unintended, compliment by stating that he is not a politician. A rather amusing incident in connection with this may be apropos just now: Mr. Motherwell had for two years been president of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers, and the members of the opposite (Conservative) stripe, who were striving for place, were beginning to get uneasy lest he should for the third time hold the reins. In order to move him out gently and quietly, so as not to excite suspicion, it was decided to make him a presentation of a gold watch and chain. He got the jewellery and also a third term; all of which tends to show that the Minister is not entirely unacquainted with the political game.

THE Montreal Jockey Club is a flourishing organisation. In 1908, it distributed \$82,000 in prizes, and made great improvement to its new grounds and buildings. Next year it will have twenty-six racing days. At the annual meeting the other day, Sir H. Montagu Allan was re-elected president. The board of directors now comprises: Sir H. Montagu Allan, James Carruthers, Colin Campbell, Bartlett McLennan, Hugh A. Allan, Hugh Paton, Dr. Charles McEachran, Hon. J. E. Robidoux, Welton C. Percy (New York), George R. Hooper, Wm. P. Riggs (Baltimore), Hartland B. MacDougall, Hon. J. P. B. Casgrain, A. E. Ogilvie, and C. J. Fitzpatrick (New York).

HON. HUGH ARMSTRONG, who succeeded to the provincial treasurership of Manitoba after the death of Mr. Agnew, has been re-elected to the Legislature and is now fully launched on a ministerial career. He is one of the foremost citizens of the Portage La Prairie district and is manager of a large fish company. He once ran for the Commons but was defeated by one vote. He is fifty years of age and an American.



Sir Montagu Allan,  
President Montreal Jockey Club.



Hon. W. R. Motherwell,  
Commissioner of Agriculture, Saskatchewan.