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EVERY little while the world turns to the scientist for the newest thing of interest. The world knows infinitely more about science than it did when Prof. Tyndall delivered his famous course of lectures in the United States on "The Forms of Water." A scientist who would set out to lecture on that subject now would probably be listened to in Owen Sound and a few other towns in the local option districts. But when it comes to exciting universal interest in the real meaning of some phase of science, commend us to Sir Oliver Lodge and Madame Curie, whose photographs appear in the group on this page.

Sir Oliver is the President of the British Association which concluded a convention last week and met in Toronto a few years ago. Sir Oliver is the kind of scientist that is not satisfied with mere science. He wants to know what message science has for humanity; and he comes as near finding out as any man alive. He believes in the spirit world and in existence after death, which some famous scientists before his time and some coevals with him certainly would not proclaim as a doctrine, however much they might profess that they didn't exactly know. Sir Oliver finds it necessary, if science is to be kept alive as a branch of human interest, to make it spell out more than the doctrines of mere matter. We are probably done with mere materialism as such. We no longer have patience with the doctrine that matter is the source of mind and life and soul. We do not believe that the "blues" is always caused by the liver. Thanks to the investigations of such scientists as Sir Oliver Lodge and Madame Curie, we are finding out that the common cause of both matter and mind is a very great mystery. Madame Curie discovered radium, which is the rarest and costliest form of matter known. If radium is matter, then there's something back of radium which is still more mysterious; and it probably has to do with the kind of life that Sir Oliver Lodge says we live after we die.

IT'S a good thing these scientists are coming to believe in the something beyond matter whether or not they put it in the form of a personal God. When some of our preachers have ceased to interest us in the kind of Deity with whom they seem so familiar, and the philosopher with his abstractions bores us to death, it is time for the humanizing scientist to inspire the world with a certain knowledge of something more potent than either matter or money, which is saying a great deal to some people. Sir Oliver does not believe that the laboratory fiends have yet discovered how to produce life, though he thinks they have done a good deal in that direction.

People Talked About

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A Notable Group of Scientists Photographed at the Recent Meeting of the British Association at Birmingham, England. Standing, Left to Right, are Prof. Wood, Prof. Lorentz, and Dr. Arrhenius. Seated, Left to Right, are Sir Oliver Lodge, President of the British Association; Madame Curie, Famous as the Discoverer of Radium, and Mr. Gilbert Berling.

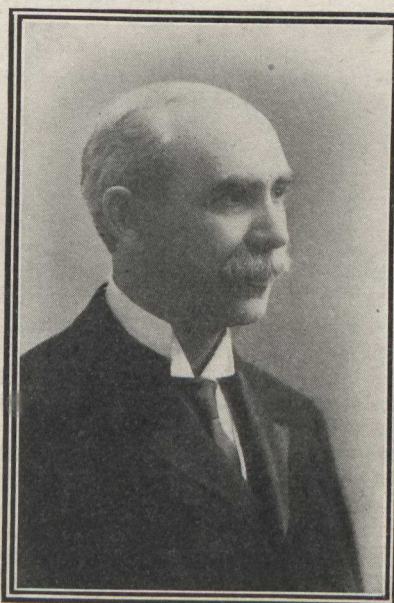
THE new commission for the beautification of Ottawa is a most important body, because it has a great work to do and contains some very

power than all others put together. He is a specialist on how to make a given set of machineries do a certain work economically and well. He believes in burying wires and dispensing with poles. He knows how to beautify a street by removing ugly things. And he is both public-spirited and aesthetic.

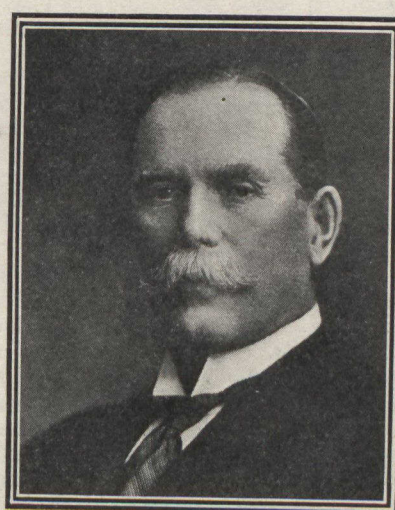
HOME SMITH, about the same physical size as Mr. Holt, but a much younger man, has come to the front as a maker of urban landscapes since he left the offices of the National Trust Company. He has done more than any other man in Toronto to set on foot a great scheme for converting a fine natural valley into desirable city property. He has rediscovered the Humber Valley and has added it to Toronto. Under his direction there is now going on a set of improvements that means much to the making of a city beautiful. In his many walks to and from the Lambton Golf Club, of which he is a member, he saw the possibilities of turning a vast area of lovely farm lands into valuable city properties, by the making of roads, creating transportation facilities and getting people on to the land without traveling half a day to reach it. To reclaim the Humber Valley as part of the great waterfront and boulevard scheme of the Harbour Commission, of which he is a member, meant the raising of a lot of money and the expenditure of much talent and time. Home Smith found his work and he did it. He is still a young man and has already made a reputation for creative ability. Besides, he is pretty well acquainted with Ottawa, and he has the kind of big-hearted geniality that makes him popular.



MR. HOME SMITH, of Toronto, Who Will be a Member of the Government's Commission to "Improve" Ottawa and Hull.



HON. ROBERT ROGERS, Who Has Been Visiting Toronto and Hamilton and Promising All Sorts of Good Things.



MR. H. S. HOLT, Of Montreal, Who May be Chairman of the Ottawa and Hull Improvement Commission.

much alive and capable men. Two reproduced on this page, one from Montreal, the other from Toronto, are H. S. Holt and Home Smith. The other Toronto member is Frank Darling, the well-known architect. No one doubts that as an engineer Mr. Holt is very eminent. He has more to do with keeping Montreal supplied with light, heat and

great lakes and the Welland Canal. He agrees with most residents of and visitors to Toronto that it's a marvel that Toronto, the second city in Canada, could so long put up with the rotten mess that is called a harbour. So much was done by nature that it seemed easy to let well enough alone. The Liberal Government had fifteen years in which to let Toronto Harbour alone. The Harbour Commission, with its new scheme of development, makes it necessary for the Government to act if these natural advantages are to be used as a national asset.

HON. ROBERT ROGERS has paid his first official visit as Minister of Public Works to the harbours of Hamilton and Toronto. He pronounces Toronto harbour as the finest natural harbour in the world and Hamilton as the finest land-locked harbour in Canada. In both cases he proposes to co-operate with the Harbour Commissioners to spend vast sums of money in the very near future to make both these harbours live up to their possibilities in taking care of the ships and the trade from the