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Men of the Day

SIR EDWARD CARSON is vying with Mr. Lloyd George in his claim upon the attention of Great Britain, and of the world. And it is a new Sir Edward that has become famous as a practical politician, magnificent or merely foolish, according to your political opinion. At any rate, he is entitled to have something to say in connection with Irish affairs, for he was born in Ireland, at Portarlinton, and was educated at Trinity College, in Dublin. He was made a Queen's Counsel at the Irish Bar in 1889, and in 1892 became Solicitor-General for Ireland, in Mr. Gladstone's last government. Later, in 1906, he was appointed Solicitor-General by Mr. Balfour, and continued in that office until the election of 1906, when the Liberals obtained a majority.

At the Bar, Sir Edward is one of the first men in the United Kingdom. He has great forensic ability. But some of his Tory friends think he might have done better than use it for the defence of the Liberal ministers whom the rank and file of the Tory party and press accused of as many of the crimes in the calendar as they could think of. As to Sir Edward's leadership of the Ulster party, whether his fighting policy be right or wrong, few will question his sincerity. He is just the man to lead the fitful, emotional Irishman, who is proverbially "spoiling for a scrap," and, since both he and the Prime Minister will have none of Lord Loreburn's proposal for a compromise, there will doubtless be trouble in Ulster. Many years ago, Lord Randolph Churchill said, "Ulster will fight, and Ulster will be right," and evidently Sir Edward Carson is going to see to it that Ulster be not allowed, even as late in the day as this, to belie the prophecy of the father of the terrible infant, Winston. Meanwhile, General Carson, and his lieutenants, go on drilling, and speaking, and speaking and drilling, and the loyal men of Ulster are getting more and more admiring of their leader, and more and more anxious for the head of their *bete noir*, John Redmond.

Poet and \$5,000 a Year

APPPOINTING poets and champion riflemen to government posts has for a good while been a beneficent pastime of the Canadian Civil Service. Poets, however, were given government jobs in this country long before riflemen were recognized. At one time several of our Canadian poets had easy government jobs at Ottawa that gave them enough to live on and plenty of time to write poetry. This was not a reward for services rendered, as it might be considered in the case of riflemen, but an opportunity to render services in the future.

Duncan Campbell Scott, who for some years has been known as one of our most sympathetic interpreters of out-door life, and at the same time as an official in the Department of Indian Affairs, has now succeeded Mr. Frank Pedley as Superintendent-General of that Department. He is the first poet in Canada who ever got \$5,000 a year for doing something else besides poetry.

Mr. Scott was born in Ottawa, in 1862, and has spent much of his life there in the Civil Service. He entered in 1880, as a clerk in the Indian Department. Thirteen years later, he was made chief

PLEADING BEFORE HIS LARGEST JURY



Sir Edward Carson Addressing His Men of Ulster. His Expression Duplicates the Defiant Slogan, "We Will Not Have Home Rule for Ireland."

the supervision of municipal loans. There seems to be in Saskatchewan a fairly unanimous feeling in favour of the scheme. The father of the campaign, so far as Saskatchewan is concerned, is Alderman J. S. Woodward, familiarly known throughout the West and to a good many people in the East as "Woody." Mr. Woodward is an Englishman, who didn't find England big enough. He is a big-built, broad-shouldered man of about thirty-five. Much of Prince Albert's development is due to him, and of course in developing the city Alderman Woodward has developed his own business. For he has discovered the magic in the words real estate, and having discovered it, is making good use of it.

His campaign for a local government board for Saskatchewan has spread to the neighbouring province. There seems a good deal to be said for the idea, for the discussion regarding a provincial supervision of securities arises from the desire of Canadian municipalities to borrow cheaply in the London market.

Rev. Robert Laird and Finance

THE Presbyterian Church in Canada is rich in men of organizing ability. The new Secretary of the Board of Finance is the most recent example. The Reverend Robert Laird, of Kingston, is yet one more of the bright young men from Nova Scotia, which is the cradle of so many of Canada's big men. Mr. Laird sustains the tradition for the province, for he is big in every sense of the word. He has ministered at Campbellford, N.B.; Brockville, Ont.; and Vancouver. In 1905 he was appointed to the chair of practical theology in Queen's University, one more notable contribution from the premier maritime province to the educational life of the Dominion. The *Presbyterian* describes him as being "a born organizer, and abundantly endowed with the grace of perseverance."

At the finance board, he will have scope for the exercise of his ability as an organizer. The Presbyterian Church is fortunate in its possession of men of the type of Robert Laird. Incidentally, Mr. Laird is a brother of the manager of the Canadian branch of the National Cash Register Company, another "born organizer."

A New President

THE new President of the Chambre de Commerce in Montreal is Mr. Adelard Fortier, who succeeds Lt.-Col. A. E. Labelle. Mr. Fortier was first

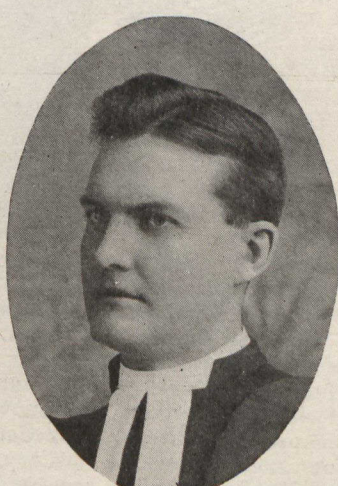
vice-president of this notable body for the past year, and is president of the Montreal Dairy Company, Limited. The new president was soon convinced that his duties are to be no merely official function. A report was presented by the meeting of which he was himself chairman, concerning the epidemic of fires in Montreal, which the committee discovered to be due to three main causes, defective construction, carelessness and incendiarism. An educational campaign is recommended for housekeepers; also that the Chambre de Commerce should interest itself practically in fire-preventive devices in new buildings, and move for the passing of a law calling for a service of fire inspection.



DUNCAN CAMPBELL SCOTT
Canadian Litterateur, Who is Now
the Head of the Department
for Indian Affairs.



ALD. J. S. WOODWARD
The Father of a Movement for a
Local Government Board in
Saskatchewan.



REV. ROBERT LAIRD
The Newly-appointed Secretary of the
Board of Finance in the Pres-
byterian Church.

accountant. In 1909, he was appointed superintendent of Indian Education. His poems and stories have appeared in many Canadian and American journals. He is the author of "New World Lyrics and Ballads," "Labour and the Angel," and other books. The *Toronto Globe* describes him as being "as dainty as Herrick, and with the polish of Mathew Arnold."

"Woody" and Municipal Loans

MUCH is heard just now about the movement in Canada, especially in the West, for the organization of a central provincial authority for