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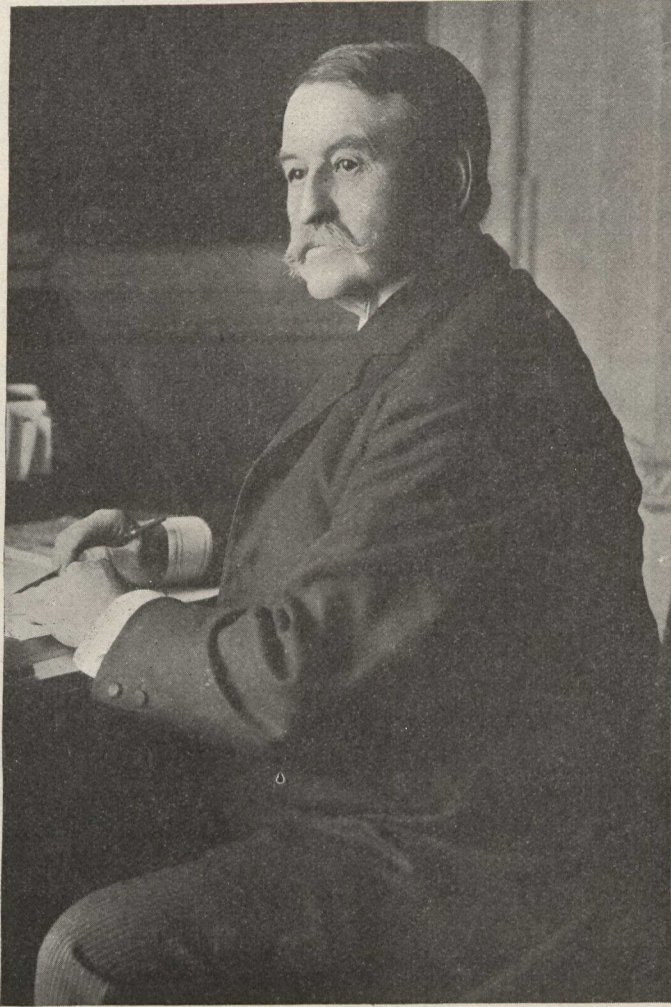
### *Sir Edward Grey, Peace-maker.*

WHEN Sir Edward Grey speaks, it is an occasion. He is called the Sphinx of English public life. Recently, Britain's Foreign Secretary delivered his utterance upon the Moroccan imbroglio. This was his second speech this year; the other being his famous announcement of the Arbitration Treaty between Great Britain and the United States, delivered last spring. Grey is chief diplomat for the nation. It would never do for a diplomat to be a blabber; and just as fatal to his success would it be were he incapable of speaking out straight at the right moment. Sir Edward, for months, slides into his seat in the House with that peculiar jerk, which is his style of gait, and never opens his mouth. But there comes a time, like the Moroccan crisis, when he arises and has the whole world for an audience. A unique man is Grey. He would fit well into a novel of the Oppenheim type, this man of the delicately-chiselled, aesthetic face, whose far-away eyes would give the impression of aloofness from the drama of life about him; when, in reality as master of the mysteries of the Foreign Office, he is the silent mover of mighty forces behind the scenes of nations. Sir Edward is one of the loneliest appearing men in Europe. He was brought up a solitary. His father died and left him, a child, to the care of his grandfather, Sir George Grey. The Foreign Secretary likes nothing better than to be by himself on long rambles in the Cheviots or Highlands. While he is trout fishing, his mind may wander at will to Persia, the Congo or Morocco; for the world is Grey's province. Sir Edward is a protege of Cromer in diplomacy. He began his political career six months after Asquith. Under the Tory regime, he was allied with the Liberal-Imperialists. He bitterly disappointed his political godfathers, Lords Rosebery and Cromer, when he took a seat in the Campbell-Bannerman Cabinet. His allegiance to the Liberals was due largely to his friendship with "The little Welsh attorney," Lloyd-George. Sir Edward Grey is the logical successor of Asquith as head of the Liberals. This Christmas, as six months ago, the Foreign Secretary gives to the world the assurance that he is a "peace-maker."

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### *The Knight of Queen's Park.*

SIR JAMES WHITNEY has just received an early Christmas box from the people of Ontario, being presented with the office of Prime Minister for a third term. The locks about his leonine head, perhaps, are a little more grey, but Sir James emerges from the present campaign the same Mr. Whitney, who ranged the hustings of Ontario, crying down the "iniquities" of the Ross Government in those tempestuous weeks of the year 1905. His eyes, in repose, thoughtful, almost brooding eyes, still glare at the scent of battle. His powerful sledge-hammer voice which those who lionize him speak of reverently as "his roar," has lost none of its vigour. Sir James did some plain speaking in this election. He is nothing if not a plain man. Garbed in a sack suit and



SIR JAMES PLINY WHITNEY  
Who was returned to power in the Ontario elections.

slouch hat, he welcomed Earl Grey and the School Cadets of Toronto in Queen's Park last June. Every morning he rides a bicycle from his St. George St. house to his parliamentary office. The election returns of the other night he received in his dressing gown. Blunt, honest, belligerent, contained, Sir James Pliny Whitney has once more seized the imagination of the people as the robust democrat of Canadian politics.

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### *"The Second Generation."*

CHAIRMAN of the Committee on Banking and Commerce in the Federal House, is Mr. Herbert Brown Ames, M.P., St. Antoine Division, Montreal. Mr. Ames was a strong cabinet possibility when the slate was being drawn up. His health has been bothering him, however. Mr. Ames is one of the leaders of the Conservative party. Politics for years has been his great hobby. He is one of the wealthy younger sons of Montreal, a rare example in Canada of the "second generation" wholly employed in "settling the affairs of the nation." Youths in America, who inherit wealth, frequently become "dinner-givers." H. B. Ames never was a "man-about-town." Just as soon as he graduated from Amherst College, Mass., in 1885, whither his affluent father sent him, he became interested in Montreal politics. He started at the bottom of the ladder, serving as alderman from 1898 to 1906. In the latter year he became M.P. Mr. Ames knows the political game down to the ground. A champion of electoral purity, he has tried to play fair. He never gives quarter nor asks any of his opponents. He is cold in manner, intellectual, and possesses wonderful capacity for detail and organization. It is a standing joke in the political clubs of Montreal, that if a stranger happens to pass through Ames' constituency, he is sure to get a letter from the chief of the Member's organization the next day.

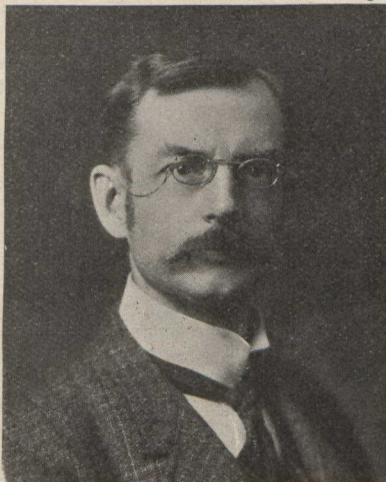
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### *Hon. Frank Cochrane's Successor.*

NEW ONTARIO, an issue in the recent provincial elections in Ontario, is likely to bulk largely on the programme at the next session of the Legislature. The new Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, in the Whitney Cabinet, Hon. W. H. Hearst, hails from that district. He is a Sault Ste. Marie lawyer. The man who succeeds Cochrane was born in Arran Township, County of Bruce, 48 years ago; educated at Collingwood Collegiate. He studied law with the late Judge Masson, in Owen Sound. He came into the Legislature on the tide of the Conservative triumph in 1905. Mr. Hearst has had some slight acquaintance with his new position. He immediately stepped into the breach after Mr. Cochrane packed his grip for Ottawa. His constituency returned him last week.

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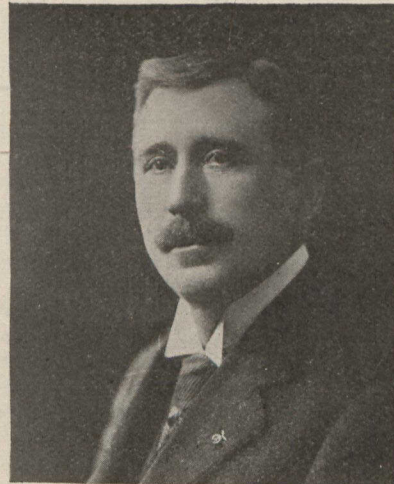
W. H. Clawson, Ph.D., a young Harvard man, who lectures in English to freshmen at the University of Toronto, was chuckling in his study the other day. One freshman had handed him an essay, "The Manufacture of Gunpowder," which opened with this auspicious sentence, "No substance has contributed so pre-eminently to the upliftment of humanity as gunpowder."



H. B. AMES, M.P., Montreal  
Appointed Chairman, House Committee on Banking and Commerce.



SIR EDWARD GREY  
Prominent on the stage of European politics.



HON. W. H. HEARST  
The successor of Hon. F. Cochrane in the Ontario Government.