

HONORABLE R. L. BORDEN AND HIS NEWLY ELECTED CABINET

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When Sir Wilfrid Laurier resigned office in favour of Mr. R. L. Borden he left behind him a position that

character both in public and private life—and instilled into them something of his zeal and honest determination to win. The work of overturning a strong government was great but Borden and his men held on and there is no doubt that their opposition last session to the Liberal government was a magnificent example of a fighting combination who had confidence in each other and their leader. Sir Wilfrid Laurier realized the strong position of the opposition and trusting to the country again returning him to power resigned. Again the Liberal premier was frustrated, Mr. Borden and his lieutenants had

better statesman than politician, then a new vista is open for Canadian students—a wider appreciation of the possibilities of Canada's prosperity on the world's politics. Be that as it may in placing the destiny of their country in the hands of R. L. Borden the people of this country have taken a step that can only mean one thing—Empire building in its best sense.

reforms, Mr. Perley has, with his speeches—which are always worth listening to—induced many municipalities to take a saner course in the granting of building leases and the acquisition of open spaces for the

was but thirty-six years of age—had made a fortune out of general and grain dealing and mining. Mr. Rogers who bears a splendid reputation in the West, is a typical son of the soil, a man who calls a spade a spade, who hates cant and who loves a good fight. Mr. Borden certainly made no mistake in taking Robert Rogers into his cabinet.
F. D. MONK

knowledge and good judgment are known assets of this intellectual giant. When in opposition his acid speeches were more feared by his opponents than even Mr. Foster's; but underneath all his apparent brusqueness Mr. Crothers has a warm heart as all his friends know.
HON. FRANCIS COCHRANE
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HON. C. J. DOHERTY,
Minister of Justice.

had been made great by the man,—the man who will go down to posterity as the greatest Prime Minister since Sir J. A. Macdonald, and whose shoes were not easy to fill and though Mr. Borden had shown something of his calibre as a statesman, while in opposition, he had yet to show his worth as the first minister of the crown. And the earliest test was the forming of his government. How he has succeeded we know. The prime minister's difficulty was not Sir J. A.'s when a friend once complained about the weakness of the make up of one of his governments, "Give me," said Sir John, "better timber and I'll build a better cabinet." Rather it was the splendid quality and number of



HON. GEORGE PERLEY,
Minister without portfolio.

organized the party so well that even Sir Wilfrid Laurier had no chance in the elections. This quiet man from the province by the sea had surmounted obstacles that few would attempt. He had after ten years of splendid labor—work, that as it began to be known gained the encouragement and then the admiration not only of his friends but of his politi-



HON. DR. J. D. REID,
Minister of Customs.
HON. GEORGE FOSTER

In asking the old war horse Hon. George Foster to join his government as Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Borden took a wise step for outside his long and brilliant experience in the political field under such leaders as Macdonald, Tupper, Abbott and Thompson, and as principal support-



HON. GEO. E. FOSTER,
Minister of Trade and Commerce.

people. This public spirited man has given his time and his money to practically every philanthropic institution in Ottawa and district.
C. J. DOHERTY

In selecting his minister of Justice, Mr. Borden had many lawyers of experience to choose from, but when his choice fell upon ex-judge C. J. Doherty everyone realized the wisdom of the appointment. As a jurist and authority on constitutional questions the new Minister of Justice has few equals and his knowledge of men



HON. T. W. CROTHERS,
Minister of Labor.

Probably one of the strongest men in the new cabinet is the Hon. F. D. Monk who represents our French compatriots though he himself is half English. Elected first in 1896 this single minded patriot has taken his parliamentary responsibilities so seriously that his practice—which was a large one—had to suffer and



A. S. GOODEVE, M. P.
Who is slated for early promotion.

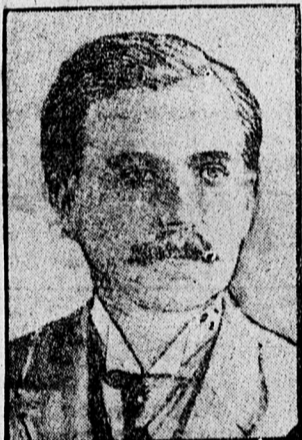
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per man Col. Sam will be the publicity agent of the Government.
J. W. REID and W. J. ROCHE
There are two medical men in the Cabinet, Dr. J. D. Reid of Prescott, who takes up the portfolio laid down

The most difficult position in the Cabinet that Mr. Borden had to fill was that of Financial Minister. He had plenty of good material to pick from and in choosing Mr. W. T. White from Toronto he selected one of the best known financial men in Canada. His genius for organization has been in great demand by the public insti-



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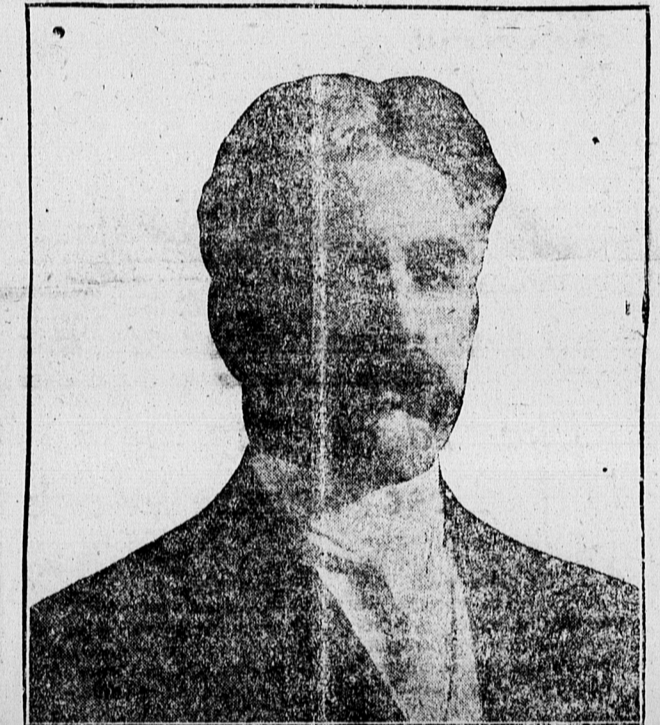
his followers—practically it was the process of elimination. Further, it is an unwritten law in the Dominion that every Province shall be represented as well as the two races and two great religions, so that while it would be possible to have chosen better individuals, on the whole the cabinet chosen by Premier Borden to help him in the governing of this great country is worthy not only of the leader but of the people as well. In short it is a government of which Canada can be proud.



HON. J. A. LOUGHEED,
Minister without portfolio.

cal foes—come to his own. That Mr. Borden is determined to carry on the governing of this country himself—without the aid of busy bodies—was well exemplified in the forming of his cabinet. Sir Hugh Graham of Montreal "Star" fame evidently thinking he had won the election with his paper tried to force one or two of his friends on to the Premier—but he failed.

Mr. Robert Laird Borden, who is the eighth Prime Minister of Canada since confederation was born fifty-seven years ago in the hamlet of Grand Pre and after a short scholastic career as professor in Glenwood Institute was called to the Bar in 1878. As a lawyer Mr. Borden soon had a good practice and his popularity amongst his fellow-members of the Bar is evidenced in his retaining for ten years the presidency of the



HON. R. L. BORDEN,
Premier and President of the Council—Canada's first citizen.

er of Borden during his uphill fight against the Laurier administration. Mr. Foster is easily first in the house as a debater and all his debating powers will be wanted to fight Laurier as opposition leader. Further Mr. Foster's complete knowledge of parliamentary procedure, and his previous two official visits to England will be of invaluable help to the new government.
GEORGE H. PERLEY

will do much to leaven the purely technical side of his great position. Judge Doherty—who is one of the most cultured men in the House—is a brilliant conversationalist and those who have had the privilege of his company have left feeling stronger and with a new confidence in human nature. It seems to be the accepted thing that the Interior portfolio should be in the hands of a western man, but in the Hon. Robt. Rogers from the Manitoba Government this custom is not only carried out but as the little village of Lakefield in the Province of Quebec has the honor of being the



HON. A. E. KEMP,
Minister without portfolio

only his sense of duty to his people held him on. So that Mr. Monk entered the Cabinet a comparatively poor man. Truly a life of self-sacrifice and a splendid encouragement to men of culture to serve their country. As Minister of Public Works Mr. Monk is the spending man of the Cabinet.

HON. LOUIS P. PELLETTIER
In choosing the Hon. P. P. Pelletier to take the Post Office Department the Premier picked one of the most brilliant men in French Canada. Even as he won gold medals in his scholastic career, he won provincial portfolios when he was still a young man and his brilliancy at the Quebec bar won for him a large law practice. This experience will stand Mr. Pelletier in good stead in his new duties.
W. B. NANTEL
The second French Canadian in the Cabinet is Mr. W. B. Nantel who is



HON. R. ROGERS,
Minister of the Interior.

a successful one at that. His particular branch is fruit growing but he knows all about every branch so that his experience combined with his splendid knowledge of public affairs and men will help Mr. Burrell in his propaganda of being the real representative of the farmer in the government.

HON. SAM. HUGHES
It is appropriate that the Militia Department should go to Col. Sam Hughes—though the Montreal Star



HON. W. J. ROCHE,
Secretary of State.

tions of Ontario and now that the country has the command of his great talents many financial reforms will be made.

J. D. HAZEN
New Brunswick's loss in her Prime Minister is surely Canada's gain, for a harder fighter and more beloved man is not known in the Dominion. Mr. Hazen will have the delicate task as Minister of Marine and Fisheries of adjusting the naval policy of the new government. What that policy will be it is not for one to suggest, but that it will be in conformance with the Premier's promises to the electors we have every confidence.

Such in brief is the personnel of the government of Canada—a government with a clean slate, for Premier Borden has tied himself to no particular policy and no particular clique. His hands are free, he has a strong government backed up by a large party sent to Ottawa by the will of the people. That the Premier will give a good account of his stewardship is the confident hope of Canadians—a stewardship that will make for the public and material prosperity of this fair dominion and its people.



HON. SAM. HUGHES,
Minister of Militia.

their fellows will help considerably to judge the reasons of their inclusion in this really representative Cabinet of Canada. When the task of leading His Majesty's loyal opposition fell to Mr. R. L. Borden in 1901 the Conservative party was weak in numbers and there was jealousy within the ranks—and to make matters worse even his friends had little confidence in this quiet lawyer from Nova Scotia to ultimately lead his party to victory. They did not know the man. He gave up his law practice which was considerable, and gradually gathered around him young men—each a born fighter and of irrefragable



C. A. MACGRATH,
A coming Senator.

Nova Scotia Baristers' Society. Mr. Borden was first elected to the House of Commons in 1896 for Halifax and though he was defeated in 1904 his first constituency re-elected him in 1905, again returning him in the election that made him Premier as well as member.

The Premier is one of the most widely read men in Canada and if it is true, as has been said, he is a



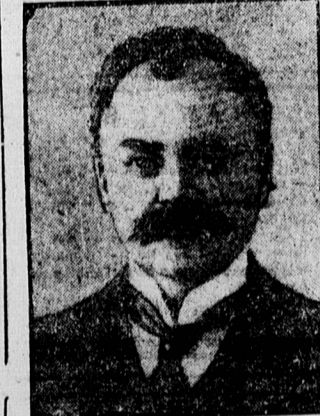
HON. FRANK COCHRANE,
Minister of Railways and Canals.

In looking over the list of ministers none is more popular than George H. Perley whose wonderful powers of organization as chief whip did so much to bring victory to his party in the last election. When Mr. Farley—who is a wealthy man and head of the great lumber firm of G. H. Perley & Co.—went in for politics he determined to make parliament take a keener interest in the elimination of disease from our congested districts, and though he has not succeeded as yet in carrying out all his



HON. MARTIN BURRELL,
Minister of Agriculture.

birthplace of Mr. Rogers the East can claim an additional representative to its list. If previous experience goes for anything Canada has in Mr. Rogers an ideal Minister of the Interior, for previous to his taking up political work, this strong man— he was a cabinet minister when he



HON. J. D. HAZEN,
Minister of Marine and Fisheries.
He comes into the Government with a good reputation.

A. E. KEMP AND SENATOR LOUGHEED.
Two of the ministers without portfolios, Mr. A. E. Kemp and Senator Loughheed, have worked hard in the past for the party and though at present their positions are of an advisory nature yet much is expected of them.

T. W. CROTHERS
Mr. Crothers who served a good apprenticeship for his position as Minister of Labor when he acted as Chairman of the party, will make a good administrator as the legal



L. P. PELLETTIER
Postmaster General

won't like it—who during the long opposition kept his predecessor up to the scratch. It will be remembered that the Colonel also knows something of real war having served in South Africa. Being an old newspaper



W. B. NANTEL,
Minister Inland Revenue.

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