

THE NEWFOUNDLAND QUARTERLY.—II.



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HON. MICHAEL P. CASHIN,
Minister of Finance and Customs.

HON. MICHAEL P. CASHIN, our local Chancellor of the Exchequer, was born at Cape Broyle September 29, 1866, was educated at the Christian Brothers' Schools and at St. Bonaventure's College, acquired a commercial training in the employ of the late Michael Thorburn, and then went into business on his own account at Cape Broyle, where, by his industry and energy he has built up one of the most successful enterprises in our outports. The ideal of a far-seeing and progressive merchant, his word is his bond, and his achievements are an inspiration to others. He entered political life in 1893 as an Independent Liberal and was elected at the head of the poll, a distinction he has invariably won in each succeeding contest. He is regarded as unbeatable and in 1904 was the one candidate who was unopposed. Mr. Cashin broke from the Bond party in 1905 on the American Fishery Question, and pointed out with unerring judgment what would result and what has actually come to pass. In the debate on this question and in the subsequent sessions he proved himself to be not only a great authority on our fisheries but a keen and cogent critic of the general policy of the Administration, and one of the most effective and popular speakers in the Assembly. Mr. Cashin married Miss Gertie Mullowney, of Witless Bay, daughter of the late Captain Pierce Mullowney, the famous seal killer.

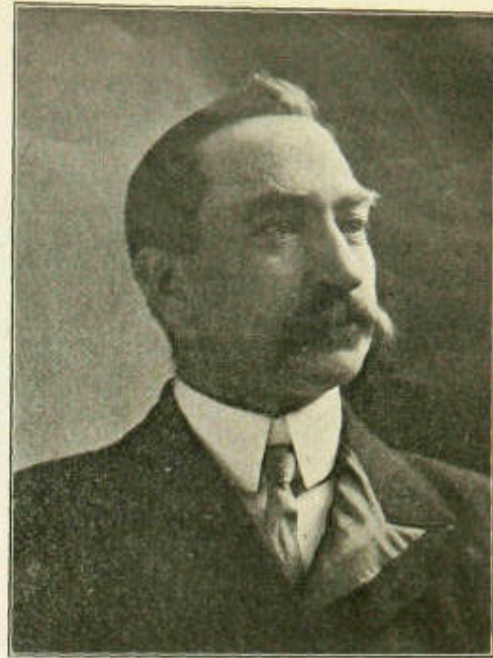


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HON. SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD,
Minister of Agriculture and Mines.

HON. SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD, who has charge of the Department of Agriculture and Mines, is the son of the late Hon. Captain Samuel Blandford, and enjoyed the unique distinction in this colony of holding a Cabinet office in the Lower House, while his father was a member of the Upper House. Born in Greenspond in 1869, Mr. Blandford was educated at Bishop Feild and Methodist Colleges in this city, and studied Law under the late Rt. Hon. Sir W. V. Whiteway and the present Mr. Justice Johnson. Elected member for his native District, Bonavista, in 1904 with Messrs. Morine and Chaplin, he won again by an increased majority in the fall of 1908 with Mr. Morison and Captain Winsor, and at the General Election on the 8th of May, in the present year, he rolled up the highest vote ever polled in the history of the Colony. His legal and business training will serve him in good stead in the very important office which he now holds. He is an active and earnest churchman and is the People's Warden of the Church of England Cathedral in this city. He is married to Miss Lillian Reynolds, of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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the people of the Bay and he is probably better known to more of its people there than any other man in Newfoundland to-day. In Opposition he proved himself a tried and trusted champion of their cause and in office he has been equally earnest and unselfish in his efforts to promote the advancement of this District and of the Colony in general. He has been assiduous in pushing forward the scores of District matters that call for attention at the hands of a representative and in larger matters he has been equally zealous on behalf of his constituency. Faithful to their interests in season and out of season, always ready and willing to do his part for the personal advancement of the individual as well as the general betterment of the residents of every village and settlement in the extensive District, Mr. Morison is highly and deservedly esteemed by his constituents.

Hon. S. D. Blandford.

HON. S. D. BLANDFORD, tho' younger in years and political experience, has nevertheless proved himself a worthy representative and an efficient colleague of the Attorney-General Mr. Blandford whom as we have already said, is a son of the late Hon. Capt. S. Blandford, first entered the political arena in 1904 when he contested Bonavista District with Mr. Morison and Mr. Chaplin as a candidate on behalf of the Opposition. They were conspicuously successful, carrying the District by an immense majority and in 1908 Mr. Blandford, with his present colleagues, proved equally successful. Few men in our political life have shown more of the quality of fidelity in the way of consulting the wishes of their constituents, or in endeavoring to promote the advancement of the District; and Mr. Blandford is a man of whom it can be said that he has few if any enemies.



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In all the political recrimination of recent years little of an objectionable character has been said about him personally and he seems to possess the faculty of maintaining a correct and unequivocal stand on public questions as a party man without

arising any of the bitterness that is all too general in our political arena. He has also made it a point to enter closely into the concerns of all his constituents who have submitted their interests to him and he has won golden opinions throughout the District, while in his administration of the Department he has contrived materially towards popularizing the policy of the present Government in regard to Agricultural development.

Capt. William Winsor.

CAPT. WM. WINSOR, the third of the Bonavista trio, is a native of Wesleyville in that Bay and successful sealing master and who, besides, has prosecuted the cod-fishery with much success. He first sought political honors in 1904, when he was elected for Bay de Verde in support of the Opposition, like Mr. Blandford, and in the Fall of 1908 accepted a call from



CAPT. WILLIAM WINSOR.

his native District to act as one of its spokesmen in the Legislature. He makes a valuable member because of his thorough knowledge of all fishery and associated questions and his ability to voice the feeling of the great mass of the people of the District, the fishermen and working classes generally. He has proved a very acceptable member, and has been heard with much interest on fishery questions, while apart from his work in the Assembly he has been active with his colleagues in doing everything possible to promote the well-being of the District and notably the construction of a new line of main road along the north side of the Bay to connect Cape Freels Shore with Gambo, along which route it is probable that in the future a branch railway line will run. The people of Bonavista have great confidence in Capt. Winsor and high respect for him. He is one of themselves who has made good and all his undertakings have been of a character to indicate what the possibilities are for a progressive fisherman to advance in this Colony to places of prominence and well deserved recognition.

It may be accepted as certain that in the election the coming fall these three gentlemen will be again returned to Bonavista District by a large majority.

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been a practicing Solicitor of the Supreme Court for many years. He also does a large insurance business and has been prominently identified with public matters for many years. As a representative of Bonavista District he won the regard of the people by his unselfish and unwavering efforts on their behalf while he represented the constituency, and as a member of the Morris Administration he proved himself a man of good judgment and business capacity. It is a tribute of which he may feel deservedly proud that the Editor of the *Evening Telegram* in his comments on the appointment of Messrs. Squires and Blandford to the Upper House and to Cabinet Portfolios, should have said of the subject of this notice:

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Hon. R. A. Squires, K.C.,

Minister of Justice.

ALTHOUGH there was much regret at the decision of Hon. Donald Morison to retire from active politics and not resume the administration of the Department of Justice which was tendered him by the Prime Minister before the latter's departure for England recently, there was a chorus of approval of the selection of Mr. Richard Anderson Squires, L.L.B., as his successor, it is safe to say that no more popular appointment or one the merit of which will be generally recognized could be made than was that of Mr. Squires. He is one of the most brilliant and successful of the younger generation of legal practitioners in this Colony and his prodigious industry and powers of application have greatly aided him in pushing his way into the front ranks of the profession. Born in Harbour Grace on January 18, 1886, he is the youngest man in our Colonial life to have attained so important a dignity as that which he now enjoys and which in the natural course of events will be a stepping-stone to the Premiership. After receiving his early education in the Grammar School there under Mr. J. D. Munn and subsequently at Carboneau under Mr. (now Hon.) J. A. Robinson and Mr. J. Hillyard, he came to St. John's as a youth and finished his studies in the Methodist College under the late Professor Holloway, winning a Jubilee Scholarship after but a short tuition in the city. His opportunities for a University career being thus greatly increased by this success, he proceeded to Dalhousie University, Halifax, to enter upon the study of Law and passed brilliantly with the degree of L.L.B. On his return

his constituents, sparing no effort on their behalf. He entered the political arena in the General Election in the fall of 1908 and came within an ace of being elected for Trinity District, running closely behind the leader of the ticket at that time Mr. (subsequently Hon.) R. Watson. In the second election in May, 1909, he secured the enviable distinction of getting first place among the elected candidates and during the Legislative term that followed he earned golden opinions from the people of the District for his efforts on their behalf. However, the adverse political tidal wave in the northern constituencies swept him under as it did other worthy and capable politicians. He has, however, now come to a reward which he has well deserved and secured an important position which we hope he will long fill, as we believe it will be to the advantage of the Colony as well as honorable to himself. The Portfolio of Justice is the natural stepping-stone in this Colony to the Premiership and it is quite on the cards that in course of time Mr. Squires will attain to the leadership of a political party and to the highest place in the gift of his fellow countrymen, and when in good time the mantle of Sir Edward Morris passes on to him we feel sure that it will fall on worthy shoulders.

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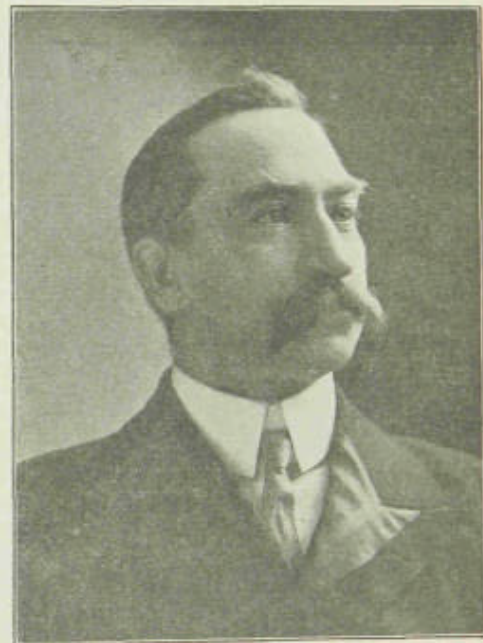
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he went into partnership with the present Premier, Sir Edward Morris, remaining with him until nearly six years ago, when he began legal operations on his own account and in a brief legal career of about ten years has succeeded in building up one of the finest practices in the city. He is a man of exceptional gifts of oratory, is well grounded in legal lore, is conspicuous for his industry, and is equally noted for his kindness and consideration for all and he won signal recognition while a member for Trinity



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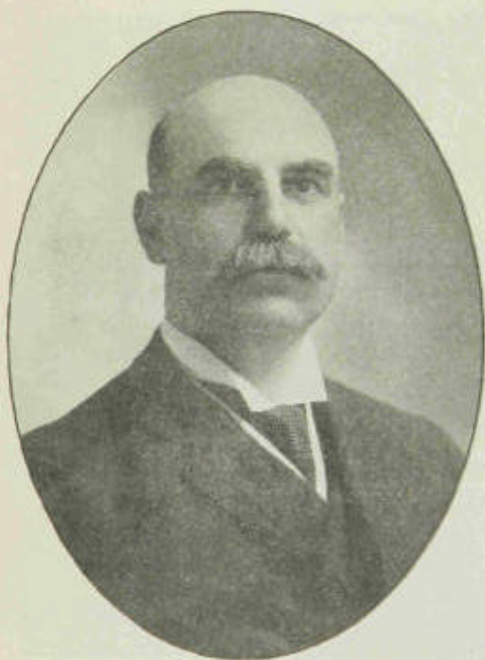
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Hon. John R. Goodison,

Speaker House of Assembly

IN its choice of John Korke Goodison as Speaker, the House of Assembly was singularly fortunate. It is an office that only a strong man can hold with honour to himself or satisfaction to the House. The Speaker must be at once courteous and firm; able to distinguish between what is parliamentary and what is not, and this alone requires the all too rare combi-



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nation of tolerance, common sense, rapid decision, and ability to enforce. Moreover, no Speaker can afford to err. An error, once made, becomes a lever with which to work injury, not alone to its presiding officer, but to the prestige and efficiency of the House itself. To avoid mistakes a clear knowledge of parliamentary practice and precedent is essential. It is for this reason that the speakership usually devolves on a lawyer, Mr. Goodison by his conduct of proceedings during the past session has demonstrated that a layman may have as judicial a mind, and be as impartial in judgment as the most expert

student of the statutes, and that respect for precedent is not confined to those who have enshrined it, as a Fetish, in the courts and council chambers of the Empire. He assumed his duties amid a complaisant, rather than an enthusiastic, unanimity. He has concluded the Session's work amid the cordial and freely expressed approbation, not alone of the Assembly, as such, but of its individual members, who are as a unit in their expressions of confidence in Mr. Speaker. In short not only has Mr. Goodison maintained the highest traditions of the ancient and honourable office, which he holds, but he has added to it a dignity and impressiveness peculiarly his own.

His Honour, the Speaker, was born in the year 1866, and is the elder son of the late Rev. John Goodison, a former President of the Methodist Conference in Newfoundland. Rarely has a son so closely resembled his sire, and that not alone in face and form, but also in character and disposition. The great hearted and generous John Goodison passed away nearly a quarter of a century ago, but he is still remembered in many a Newfoundland home. To him no distress appealed in vain, and, amid the hard times of the seventies and eighties, no man worked more diligently or more successfully towards the betterment of the condition of the people. The son inherits the broad and generous manhood of the father, as well as the warm-hearted impulses of the Irish race, a heritage from his mother's family. Politically, too, Speaker Goodison is carrying on the family traditions, for his grandfather, Hon. John Korke, was for many years Member for Carbonear, the constituency which his grandson now represents, and also a member of the Executive Council of the Colony.

Mr. Goodison was educated at the Carbonear Grammar School, and at New College, Eastbourne, England. In 1882 he returned to Newfoundland, where he engaged in his grandfather's business. In 1891 he went to Boston, where he held a responsible position for some years, returning in 1901, after his grandfather's death, to Carbonear where he re-entered the business, now so well and widely known under the caption of John Korke & Sons. He is the proud father of four bright children, two boys and two girls. His wife, the daughter of the late Capt. Edgar Penney, is one of Newfoundland's most accomplished hostesses, and their charming home at Carbonear radiates hospitality.

That His Honour the Speaker will fully maintain and enhance the reputation won during the past session, and under his wise guidance the best traditions of parliamentary life will be fully upheld is the confident assurance of all his friends, amongst whom are numbered every member of the present Assembly, irrespective of party affiliations.

Mr. John Shannon Munn,

President of the Board of Trade.

THE Presidency of the Board of Trade, under any circumstances, an important office and one that none but a thoroughly capable business man can hope to attain to, becomes of special importance this year because the Colony is to be visited during the summer by the Dominions Royal Commission, made up of gentlemen representing the Imperial Country and the Oversea Dominions, who for a period of three years have been occupied in visiting Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and now Canada and Newfoundland, gathering testimony as to the possibilities of improving inter-imperial trade. They will reach here in July and naturally the duty will fall to the Board of Trade of providing much of the information that will be submitted for the consideration of this important body. For the present year the choice of President has fallen to Mr. John Shannon Munn, one of the Directors of the firm of Bowring Brothers, Ltd. Mr. Munn is the youngest man to occupy this position since the Board of Trade was incorporated, but he has had a business experience which abundantly qualifies him for the position. Born in Harbor Grace 35 years ago, the son of the late Wm. Munn, Esq., he was educated at Bishop Field College in this city, and finally in England, finishing up