

Seen in his palatial home at 37 Cluny Drive last night, Mr. Hanna was loath to discuss his appointment at any length. The appointment didn't come to him as a surprise, for he admitted having been in conference several times with Premier Ferguson. But the announcement of his identity as "Strong Man," which the Premier had kept locked so carefully in his heart, was news to Mr. Hanna. He had not heard that it was to have been made public last night.

"I'll administer the law with the same business principles which I used in connection with the railways," he added, and beyond that he would say nothing in the meantime regarding administration.

Mr. Hanna declared he could not talk with any degree of certainty as to what his plans would be until he had information regarding the details of the Government Control Bill.

Railway Builder.

David Blyth Hanna, who is to be the Chairman of the Commission to administer Government control in Ontario, achieved his greatest prominence in Canadian affairs in the realm of railroading. He was President of the Canadian National Railways after the nationalization of the Canadian Northern Railway, and up to the time of the absorption of the Grand Trunk. He was succeeded by Sir Henry Thornton in 1922. Since his retirement as President of the C.N.R. he has been engaged with his private business interests, which are numerous, and include the Western Canada Flour Mills, of which he is President.

Mr. Hanna's life has been devoted to railway interests, and has been a story of continued success from his early association with Old Country railways in his youth to the important position he occupied in Canada nearly half a century later. He was born in 1858 at Thornliebank, near Glasgow. As a young man he served with two Old Country railroads, later, at the age of 24, coming to Canada in the service of the accounting department of the Grand Trunk Railway. His career in railroading later took him to New York and to Portage la Prairie, where, in 1886, he became chief accountant of the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway, and then Treasurer and Land Commissioner.

Three years following Mr. Hanna was chosen manager of the road which Mackenzie & Mann commenced to build from Gladstone to Dauphin, later to be known as Canadian Northern Railway. His ability showed to exceptional advantage in this new capacity, and the road was made to pay its charges the first year and furnish a surplus. With the extension of the system to a 10,000-mile line with termini at Atlantic and Pacific tidewater, Mr. Hanna became Third Vice-President and took up offices in Toronto in 1902.

His interests and positions continued to expand and he became President of the Canadian Northern Quebec Railway, the Quebec & Lake St. John Railway, and the Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Railway.

First Head of National Lines.

When in 1918 the Government purchased the stock of the owners of the Canadian Northern and embraced the line in a national system, Mr. Hanna was called as President. Since his retirement from that position, on the taking over of the Grand Trunk, he has been engaged in numerous financial and commercial interests. He is President of the Western Canada Flour Mills, President of the Canadian Western Lumber Co., and President of the Canadian Northern Prairie Lands Company, besides holding directorships in several important concerns.

Mr. Hanna has always been known as a hard worker and the possessor of unusual executive ability. He is married and has three children. He is a member of the Toronto and Albany Clubs.

Former License Chairman.

Stewart McClenaghan, who formerly represented Ottawa in the

House of Commons, brings to his new office experience as Chairman of the Ontario License Commission, a position which he occupied under the Whitney Government. He filled several public positions in the civic life of Ottawa and in the commercial field before his election to the House of Commons in 1925. Mr. McClenaghan was born at Oxford Mills, Grenville County, in 1866. A retail clothing merchant, he was President of the Eastern Retail Merchants' Association. He was also President of the Central Canada Exhibition Association, a member of the Ottawa Board of Trade, and a member of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards.

Before his election to the House of Commons Mr. McClenaghan had served as a School Trustee, a member of the Collegiate Board, and as Controller of the City of Ottawa. He is a Past President of the Liberal-Conservative Association. Mr. McClenaghan is a member of Rotary, the Masonic Order and several other associations and clubs. He is an Anglican. He is married and the father of seven children.

Dr. Manion's Career.

Hon. Robert James Manion, member of Parliament for Fort William, has had a distinguished and varied public and military career. By profession he is a medical doctor. He is a native of Pembroke, of Irish-Canadian ancestry, and was educated at public and high schools, Trinity College, and the University of Edinburgh. He served with the French Army in 1915, and later as Captain in the Canadian Army Medical Corps, winning the M.C. on the field at Vimy Ridge. He was elected to the House of Commons as a Liberal-Unionist in 1917. Before the general election of 1921 he was made Minister of Soldiers' Re-establishment in the Meighen Cabinet. He was re-elected in the elections of 1921, 1925 and 1926.

Besides his public, military and professional activities, Dr. Manion has several other interests. He is a Past President of the Canadian Club of Fort William, in which community he was also an Alderman; Past President of the Thunder Bay Medical Association, and a member of numerous clubs. He is the author of one book: "A Surgeon in Arms." In religion he is a Roman Catholic. In 1906 he was married to Yvonne Desaulniers of Ottawa.