

**WILLIAM HENRY CHARLTON MACLEAN**, "Wandoo" Station, Banana, was born at Bathurst, New South Wales, in 1853, and is the third son of the late John Shand



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Maclean, a schoolmaster of that place. The gentleman under review received his early education under private tuition in his own home, and when seven years of age accompanied his family to Queensland, where his father took up a block of land in the Burnett district, and engaged in sheep-grazing. Two years later a removal was made to the Dawson district, where the "Gyrandah" holding was selected under the old original lease system. The death of Mr. John Shand Maclean occurring in that year, his widow and 10 children continued the enterprise, but encountering a run of dry seasons, found it difficult to make ends meet, and in the early seventies disposed of "Gyrandah" and purchased "Cracow" run, comprising 100 square miles of country, in many respects suitable for sheep. For four years the family remained on this holding, and when in 1878 it was sold to Messrs. Palmes and Ather-ton, Mr. W. H. C. Maclean turned to droving and horse-dealing, and undertook some long overlanding trips which extended from the gulf country to Melbourne. In 1890 he took 2,700 bullocks from Rotheram Park, on the Mitchell River, near Cooktown, to Wellington, New South Wales, a distance of between 1,700 and 1,800 miles, which occupied eight months. Mr. Maclean

received 19s. per head on this journey, and netted £1,700. In 1887 he purchased from the late Michael Pearce, "Wandoo," a property of 16,000 acres of unimproved land, which he has converted into a fine grazing farm. His developmental work has been rewarded with marked success, and the property now carries from 1,500 to 2,000 head of cattle. "Wandoo" is watered by bores, which at a depth of 86 feet yield a flow of water which is more than equal to any demands made upon it, and as a result of ring-barking operations, natural grasses and herbage abound, making splendid pasturage for the stock. Mr. Maclean continued the strenuous life of a drover for many years, combining his other interests with this occupation until he found himself firmly established as a pastoralist. After the year 1900 he began to confine his efforts principally to stock-dealing, placing the management of the station in the hands of his sons. In 1910 he acquired further property in the shape of "Cocklebinda" Station (aboriginal for "black kangaroo"), on Pinch Creek, 41,000 acres in extent, and consisting of undulating country well adapted for breeding purposes with a carrying capacity of about 2,500 head of cattle. Shortly afterwards he presented his two sons each with a third of his landed estate, and has since lived in semi-retirement at Rockhampton. Mr. Maclean is a public-spirited man, and has done his share of official work in the interests of the community.

He served for several years on the Banana Shire Council, and afterwards was elected to a seat on the Livingstone Council, which he retained until 1914, when he retired from public office. He received the Commission of the Peace from the Denham Administration. A keen sportsman, he has carried off many honours in the racing field, and is a cordial advocate of general outdoor recreation of an athletic character. Mr. Maclean married in 1881 Nora Mary, daughter of the late M. Pearce, of Banana, and he has three

sons and three daughters. **HECTOR ALBERT MACLEAN**, of "Wandoo," is the eldest son of Mr. W. H. C. Maclean, and was born at Banana in 1884. He was educated



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at the Rockhampton Grammar School, and at Nudgee College, and after leaving school in 1902 returned to "Wandoo," where he acted as jackaroo and drover for his father until 1904, when he was promoted to other work on the station. In 1909 he took a position as overseer at Torsdale, returning in the following year to take over the management of "Wandoo," which he has since retained. Mr. Maclean is a member of the Banana Shire



Wandoo House.

Council, a committeeman of the Banana Race Club and of the Dawson Amateur Picnic Racing Club, besides being connected with various other public bodies.