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## Dayfoot Georgetown Shoe Firm Changes Hands

### Johnston Buys Plant from Dayfoot Brothers—Firm has Specialized in High-Grade Shoes Since 1838.

A transaction of district importance was completed on January 1st, when Edgar J. Johnston took over the ownership and management of the Dayfoot Shoe Company, makers of high grade shoes since 1838. The firm will be operated under the name of "The Dayfoot Shoe Company," maintaining the tradition of quality which has been associated with the firm since its inception over a century.

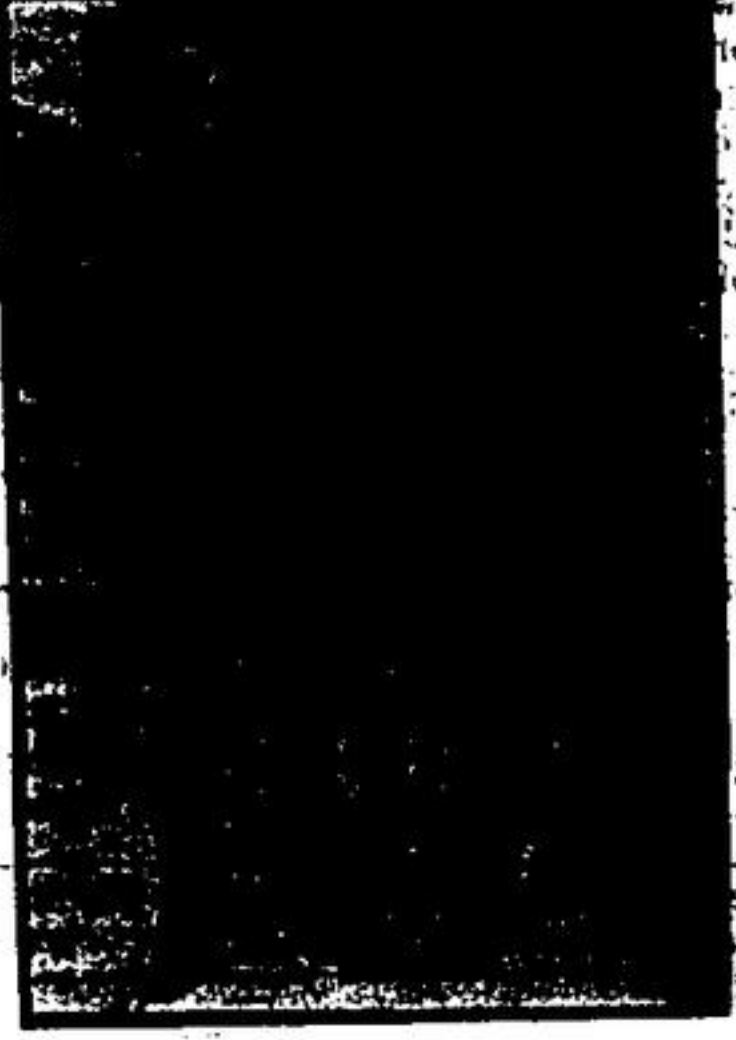
**J. B. Dayfoot Founding**  
In 1838, John B. Dayfoot, a native of Vermont, came to Canada and started a retail and custom making shoe business in Grimsby. Shortly afterwards, he moved to Hamilton, where at that time a community of 10,000 population, and established a similar business.

Mr. Dayfoot built a tannery in Georgetown, beside the present site of the shoe factory, putting his younger brother, Philo W. Dayfoot, in charge of the Georgetown branch of the business. This arrangement lasted about twenty years, when the brothers exchanged and J. B. Dayfoot moved permanently to Georgetown to his home. By this time, Dayfoot had branched into the shoe manufacturing business as well. In those days, the better system was the accepted method of doing business, and old legends show that farmers were bringing their products and exchanging them for footwear. The firm also did some grocery business, dealing in such staples as tea, sugar, coffee, etc.

**Dayfoot Brothers Succeeded to Ownership**  
In 1892, J. B. Dayfoot passed away, and his son, Charles B. Dayfoot succeeded him as proprietor. Several years later, his younger brother, Harry C. Dayfoot, became a partner in the business. Since then, the firm has operated under the firm name of C. B. Dayfoot & Co.

**Specializes Whole Shoe Industry**  
On a small scale, the Dayfoot Company has epitomized the whole growth of the modern shoe manufacturing industry. Starting in the days when there was no machinery, shoes were all hand-sewed or wooden-pegged. Machinery came into use during the American Civil War—a development forced on the industry by manpower shortage.

## DIED OF WOUNDS



Word was received on Monday that Pte. Jack Hemphill had died of wounds in Italy. He is shown (above right) with a friend prior to going overseas three years ago.

## PTE. JACK HEMPHILL DIES OF WOUNDS IN ITALY

A third Georgetown home was saddened in as many weeks when the news was received on Monday that Pte. John William Hemphill had died of wounds in Italy. Two days previous, his wife had received the news that he was dangerously wounded, suffering multiple shell fragment wounds in the abdomen as well as compound fractures of both thighs.

**Continue to Stress Quality**  
Under its new firm name, The Dayfoot Shoe Company will continue to stress the quality feature which has been well-rooted in a century's traditions. Employing as many as 40 at one time, the personnel has been somewhat reduced due to wartime labour shortages, but it is hoped to reach and exceed this figure when conditions again become normal. The present staff, most of whom have many years service with the company, will be retained intact, and Mr. Johnston intends to follow a progressive policy which will lead to the consolidation and expansion of present business.

## Mrs. H. A. Coffin Dies at Home of Her Daughter

Mrs. H. A. Coffin, widow of the late H. A. Coffin, and member of one of Georgetown's oldest and best-known families, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Vernon Smith, Hamilton, on January 7th, 1945. Mrs. Coffin had not been well for several weeks and was in her 70th year.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bennett, she was born in Hamilton. Some time in the 1860s her parents moved to Georgetown and purchased the hotel, which they named "The Bennett House." It was situated on the corner of Mill and Main Streets, where the Municipal Building now stands. The late Mary I. Bennett married Harry Arthur Coffin, and for a number of years they lived in Toronto. When Mr. Bennett became unable to run the Bennett House due to ill health, Mr. and Mrs. Coffin returned to Georgetown, and Mr. Coffin managed the hotel until his death in 1908. Shortly after her husband's death, Mrs. Coffin sold the hotel, and bought a home. She was a member of St. George's Anglican Church and one of the original members of St. George's W.A.

One of a family of seven, two sisters survive Mrs. Coffin, Mrs. O'Brien in Rochester, N.Y., and Mrs. N. Hunter, Queen Street, Georgetown. Three children also remain to mourn the loss of their mother, Mrs. Vernon Smith (Ethel) of Hamilton; Harold, in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Percy of Georgetown.

The funeral was held this afternoon, Wednesday, January 10th, by Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson, from the home of her son, P. B. Coffin, Charles St., to St. George's Church for service at 2:30 o'clock. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were Messrs. W. F. Bradley, Fred McNally, Harold Cleave, Wilfrid Hunter, Jack Williamson, Wm. McDowell.

## TERRA COTTA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MET AT HOME OF MRS. C. G. BISHOP

The Terra Cotta Women's Institute held their regular December meeting at the home of Mrs. C. G. Bishop, Owing to the absence of the president, the vice-president, Mrs. Bishop, presided, and opened the meeting by the singing of the Lord's Prayer. The roll call was answered by naming their favourite Christmas Carol and its composer. "Miss Mildred has given the motto 'Go shall the Christmas Star shine out in our lives and the light never go out all the year round.'"

Mrs. Art McKane and Gertrude Watson reported on having packed a ditty bag and told what was included in each. Mrs. Lloyd Orshton and Mrs. Clarence Anderson gave reports on the Toronto Area Convention. Christmas carols were sung and the guest speaker, Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson, of Georgetown, gave us a splendid address, his topic being "The satisfying home is spiritually inspiring."

## Toronto Firm Would Locate Here if Suitable Building Available

A Toronto glove manufacturing firm is considering locating in Georgetown in the immediate future if suitable premises can be found. This information was relayed to Georgetown Council at its meeting on Monday night, and aroused considerable interest among the councillors.

The firm proposes to establish a branch in town which would employ twenty to twenty-five workers, and is looking for rented premises which would tide it over until the post-war period, when plans call for the erection of a permanent building. The firm is reported to be a stable, well-established business, the head of which is glove administrator for the Government, and the proposed Georgetown plant would make a total of three factories in operation.

The Council believed that the old Town Hall, with some alterations, might make a satisfactory temporary location, and officials of the firm are being advised that favourable consideration would be given to renting the second storey of this building for a factory. It is expected that officials of the company will be in Georgetown in the immediate future to look over the sites and discuss rental details with the Council if the building is suitable for their purpose.

## MRS. HELEN DICKIE, FORMER RESIDENT, DIES IN DETROIT

The death occurred at her son's home in Detroit, Michigan, on Thursday, January 4th of Mrs. Helen Dickie, widow of the late Rev. Henry Dickie, M.A., D.D. Mrs. Dickie, who had been ill only a few weeks, was 73 years of age. She is remembered by many friends in Georgetown where her husband was pastor of Georgetown United Church some 18 years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Wilfred O. of Detroit and George H. RONVR, Halifax, N.S.; a daughter, Miss Margaret, of Toronto; and two sisters, Margaret Crompton of Digby, N.S. and Etta Gordon of Bridgetown, N.S. A son, Elmer E. Gordon Dickie, was killed in action with the Royal Flying Corps in the first great war. Dr. Dickie predeceased his wife on May 12th of last year.

## COUNTRY MAIL DELIVERY MADE DIFFICULT BY SNOW

One of our rural mail couriers has pointed out the difficulties encountered by couriers working out of the Georgetown post office and has asked us to pass the information out to rural residents. According to regulations, the rural mail courier does not have to leave his vehicle. This means that unless farmers clear a path to the mail box sufficiently wide to allow a car to turn in and out, the courier is not required to leave the mail. The district couriers, accustomed to braving the winter winds in all sorts of weather, are anxious that everyone get regular mail delivery, and appeal for every farmer's cooperation to aid them in their task.

## I.O.D.E. Ask Citizens Support of Book Campaign Fund

### Canvass to Take Place During January

The Countess of Strathmore Chapter I.O.D.E. are appealing to all citizens for support of the national campaign to raise \$300,000 to purchase books for the Armed Services. The campaign has the support of the government and in a radio broadcast recently Major General L. R. LaFleche, Minister of National War Services appealed to the people of Canada to support the I.O.D.E. Service Libraries Campaign.

The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire Libraries Department was organized in 1926, at the outbreak of war, to provide recreational reading for the men and women in the three Services and the Merchant Navy. This work is done under the Department of National Defence at Ottawa, and the International and Auxiliary Service Libraries for the Navy, Army and Air Force work in close cooperation with the I.O.D.E. campaign to distribution.

### RURAL DISTRICTS SNOWED IN FOR SEVERAL DAYS

The rural districts about Georgetown were badly snowed in, due to another heavy snowfall and high winds last week, and in many places are only now getting out. Limehouse road was impassable for several days last week, when Art Benton, of the general store, had provisions sent up on the train and used the toboggan to bring them from the station to his store. Mr. Howard May of R. R. 2 Norval, was in quite a fix when he found his farm snowed in and the telephone out of commission on the day he headed the polls for Georgetown Council.

Several Georgetown citizens had to spend the night in Brampton on New Year's night. Snowed out, and the following day, provisions from Toronto had to be brought from getting through. To-day traffic is being hampered with snow-blocked lanes. Roads are impassable in many places. The weather has been a great calamity as it has cut off the great quantities of supplies that are needed for the winter. The snow has also cut off the supply of fuel, and many homes are in a very bad way.

## Inaugural Meeting of 1945 Council Last Monday

### Board Appointments Made—Mayor Cleave to Buy Municipal Building

### THE WEATHER

Last Saturday morning when the mercury was hugging ten below zero, the local weather man walked into a local store and looked over a line of advertising customers. The proprietor jovially remarked "And here is the man who is responsible for it all." Well if any human has anything to do with it we will not try to pass the buck, and admit things did get a little out of hand that morning when his official mercury at Hilltop Gardens slid down to seventeen below, and Harvey Clarke's at the Cedarvale School got down to twenty below, and so doubt both were correct.

Our excuse is we were so intent on the awful weather our boys are up against in so called sunny Italy, and what they were facing in that Belgian bulge on the Western Front, where things for the time being also seemed to have got out of hand, we overlooked the weather nearer home. Cheer up folks, cheer up. It will all come right soon and we will revel in warmth and sunshine when victory comes. In the meantime get a copy of Saturday Night for Dec. 30th and read Mary Lowery Ross' poetic "Good-bye Nineteen Forty-four, Welcome, Nineteen Forty-five." And when you next see our local Ralph Ross congratulate him on his talented daughter-in-law.

Here are those freezing figures:

Date	H. and L.	Snowfall
Tues, Jan. 2	12 5	
Wed, Jan. 3	25 -2	1.0"
Thurs, Jan. 4	16 12	
Fri, Jan. 5	12 5	
Sat, Jan. 6	3 -17	
Sun, Jan. 7	-3 8	
Mon, Jan. 8	7 26	

## William James Ross Dies in 88th Year

The death of William James Ross occurred at his home on Albert St. on Monday, January 1st. Mr. Ross had been in failing health for several years. He was in his 88th year. Born in Toronto in 1857, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Ross, he later moved to Maxwell, where his father and uncle had a woolen mill. In 1881, he married Elizabeth Anne Osborne, who died 8 years ago. The late Mr. Ross was a valued employee of the C.P.R. for a good many years. When he received his pension, twenty-one years ago, he and his wife moved to Georgetown. Mr. Ross was a staunch Conservative in politics and a member of Knox Presbyterian Church.

The late Mr. and Mrs. Ross had four children, one of whom survives, (Mary) Mrs. George Davis, Georgetown. There are five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The funeral service was held by Rev. C. C. O'Connell from the residence of H. C. McClure on Thursday, January 4th. Interment was in Prospect Cemetery, Toronto. The following were pallbearers: Messrs. Harold Cleave, William Marshall, James Costigan, George Hoare, Claude Kentner and Fred Davis.

The inaugural meeting of Georgetown's 1945 Council was held in the Municipal Building on Monday evening. In his inaugural address, Mayor Harold Cleave expressed his enjoyment at the harmonious relations existing on the Council during the past year and looked forward to a successful year to come. At the conclusion of his remarks, Cr. G. L. McGilvray said that he did not know whether it was customary to do so, but that he wished to congratulate the Mayor on his address, and for his courteous and impartial administration of the town's affairs during 1944. This was put in the form of a motion, seconded by Cr. S. W. Orr, with other Council members assenting.

Rev. W. G. O. Thompson was present at the meeting and conducted the devotional part of the inauguration.

### Would Buy Municipal Building

A letter was received from Mayor Joseph Gibbons in which he offered to buy the Municipal Building if the selling price submitted by council was acceptable. Council's reply was that the building had never been advertised for sale, but that if Mr. Gibbons wished to make an offer, it would be given consideration.

### Standing Committees

The following Standing Committees for 1945 were appointed: Finance—Orr, Bradley, McGilvray, MacDonald. Streets and Walks—Bradley, MacDonald, Orr. Waterworks and Fire Protection—McGilvray, Lyons, Armstrong. Welfare, Light and Police—Armstrong, Lyons, McGilvray. Building and Property—Lyons, Armstrong, Thompson. Industrial and Post War—Thompson, Orr, MacDonald. The first named on each committee will be the chairman.

### Dr. Magwood Sanitary Inspector

Dr. S. Magwood, Georgetown veterinarian, was appointed Sanitary Inspector at a yearly salary of \$200.00. Dr. Magwood succeeded the late Dr. E. Leamouth in this position, which has been filled in an acting capacity by Chief Marshall since Dr. Leamouth's death.

### No Serious Fires in 1944

An encouraging report of 1944 fire calls was submitted by Fire Chief Donald Latimer. Only one fire—the recent one at Fenson's Fish & Chip Store, caused any damage, and this was estimated at \$75.00. Other calls during the year were mostly for grass and chimney fires.

### A \$20.00 grant was made to the Salvation Army, and a number of garden bills were authorized to be written off as uncollectible.

Councillors reported that many favorable reports had been received about the excellent way in which snow was removed from the streets after recent storms, and it was felt that this year snow removal had been dealt with very effectively. A request from the local Chapter of the I.O.D.E. for a cash donation in their current book campaign was turned down, as Council felt it unwise to establish a precedent in view of the many calls for funds from public service organizations.

### The following accounts were passed for payment at the January meeting of the Georgetown Council:

Scott's Garage, etc.	\$ 42.00
Richardson's Hardware	7.50
Lane's Carriage, etc.	23.00
Fred Ethelair, town truck	20.00
R. H. Thompson, wages	2.00
Hydro Electric	700.00
C. E. Smith, etc.	40.00
Municipal Work, stationary	5.00
D. Cook, w.w. rebate	5.00
Robt. Simpson Co., chairs	67.50

At the dinner meeting of the Georgetown Lions Club, held Monday evening in the McGibbon House, J. E. O'Brien, a field officer for the War-time Prices and Trade Board was guest speaker. Dealing with the broader aspects of price control, Mr. O'Brien pointed to the problem of dwindling supplies and increased demand for consumer goods since the outbreak of war, but said that Canada was still producing enough staples to take care of her population. The Board's job is to control prices and to see that the most equitable distribution of these goods is made among consumers. Some idea of the effectiveness of price control can be gathered from the fact that in sugar alone, the difference in price between that commodity now and during the last war, has resulted in a forty million dollar yearly saving to the Canadian people. Lion G. W. McIlvray moved a vote of thanks to the speaker for his instructive remarks, and a resolution was passed that the club members be given an opportunity to raise relevant questions.