

# Correct Procedure for Registration in Ontario

According to the Honourable Mackintosh Phillips, M.D.C.M., L.L.D., Ontario's Registrar-General, people, notably newcomers to Canada, are apt to rely too much on friends and neighbours (who are themselves often misinformed) when advice is needed in such matters as the registration of births, marriages, procurement of certificates, etc. The easiest way to get the correct information, Dr. Phillips says, is to write to the Deputy Registrar-General at 70 Lombard Street, Toronto.

The Registrar-General's office is the hub of Ontario's vital statistics registration system, which extends to every municipality in the province and includes more than a thousand Division Registrars.

**Registering A Birth**  
When a baby is born in Ontario, so the law says, the birth must be registered in the municipality in which it occurred, and must be registered within 30 days. Registration costs nothing. Normally it is the mother who registers the birth. If she cannot do it, and if the father cannot, then so the law says, the birth should be registered by the "person standing in place of the parents of the child." Birth registration is not the responsibility of the doctor who attends the birth.

If the mother is unmarried, the child must be registered in her legal name, unless both she and the father request registration in the father's name. Should she later marry the child's father, she may apply to the Registrar-General to have the birth legitimized on the registration form. The original registration will then be withdrawn and a new registration made with the facts recorded as if the parents had been married at the time of the birth. In 1958, the births of 321 babies were legitimized in Ontario.

A married woman whose husband is not the father of her child may either name her husband in the space provided for the husband's name, or she may leave that space blank. In no case is the father, as such, ever mentioned on a birth registration form.

A divorced woman who has a child may register the birth either in her maiden name or her married name, or she may record the father's name if he agrees. A widow who has a child may not register the birth in her maiden name unless she has legally renounced her married name.

**Establishes Status**  
Birth registration establishes the child's age and status as a Canadian citizen. Without registration no birth certificate can be issued. The adult individual is likely to need a birth certificate on many occasions, but the parents of a child will certainly need it both in support of an application for family

allowance and when the child first attends school. Not everyone realizes that a baptism certificate is not a birth certificate. Birth Not Registered

In cases of delayed registration, which, after a year has elapsed must be effected at the Registrar-General's office in Toronto, parents are required to produce documentary evidence, such as a certified copy of the doctor's or hospital's record. In such cases a registration fee of \$2.00 is charged.

An exceptional case came to light recently when the parents of a 4-year-old boy went to the Registrar-General's office for advice. The boy would soon be of school age and his birth had never been registered. When the child was born the father had acted as midwife and no doctor, nurse or anyone else had been present. If the parents had known what to do at the time of the birth they would have saved themselves and others a great deal of trouble.

**Correct Spelling Important**  
Improper spelling of names, particularly in the case of immigrants who anglicise foreign names without first making the change legal, is a constant headache for the Registrar-General's staff and is often a source of difficulties in later life for the children concerned.

An immigrant family may decide, when registering the birth of a child, to omit a prefix from the surname. Immigrants from Holland, for instance, sometimes drop the "Van" from their names. When as often happens, the child's name has later to be included on the mother's passport for travel purposes, the birth certificate is produced and a difference in

name is evident. This can cause both trouble and delay. In 1958, the Registrar-General's office dealt with 3000 cases involving name correction.

**Change Of Name**  
In Ontario, names can be changed legally by a court order. In order to amend a birth registration the registrar general can accept a change of name order issued by any competent court anywhere in the world. He can also amend the birth certificate of any child born in Ontario who has been legally adopted and can accept adoption orders from any competent court anywhere in the world. In the case of an adoption, the birth can be registered so as to show the adopting parents as the actual parents, the original registration form being withdrawn and sealed.

**Not Always Dull**  
Incoming mail at the Registrar-General's office runs to around 1000 to 1200 letters daily, with a like number going out. There is additionally what is called "a float" consisting of some 6000 documents dealing with births, still-births, adoptions, changes of name, marriages, divorces and deaths. All this calls for constant research through files that go back a hundred years and the addition of new records, a process that is greatly accelerated by the use of intricate L.B.M. tabulated index systems.

Problems presented are many and various. Recently an applicant for a birth certificate was asked, "When and where were you born, sir?" "How the heck do I know," he snapped. "It's your job to tell me that." Miraculously, someone did manage to tell him.

**Western Dairy Commissioner Developed Dairy Calf Club**

A Georgetown native who moved to the west with his family in 1913, Percy Reed, died recently in Vancouver. Mr. Reed was a former Dairy Commissioner with the Saskatchewan government.

Born on the RR 2 Georgetown farm which is now the Lloyd Davison farm, Mr. Reed, his sisters and mother, moved to Regina when he was 29. He died at the age of 77.

For the past two years he has returned east visiting cousins Mrs. Hugh Black and Mrs. Jack Milton of town, Mrs. Don Milfield of Esquimaux. He is survived by a brother Frank H. Reed, Edmonton, and a niece Mrs. Tracy Pillsbury, Vancouver.

In addition to being dairy commissioner for 29 years, Mr. Reed was also acting deputy minister of agriculture for 19 years, secretary of the Saskatchewan Dairy Association for 28 years and a director of the Regina exhibition association for 34 years.

Mr. Reed regarded as one of the proudest achievements of the dairy branch during his thirty years service the development of the boys and girls dairy calf club. Mr. Reed returned to the Pacific coast in June 1947.

In 1903 he received his diploma from the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph and attended the Guelph dairy school in 1906.

Mr. Reed was appointed dairy inspector with the dairy branch of the Saskatchewan department of agriculture in 1914. In September, 1918, he was appointed provincial dairy commissioner. During the winters

of 1917 and 1918 he took a creamery course at Iowa State college, Ames, Ia., as special preparation for his appointment.

Mr. Reed was provincial dairy commissioner until retirement in 1947 with the exception of two years, 1924 to 1926, when he was production manager of Saskatchewan Co-operative Creameries Ltd.

Appointed a director of the Regina Exhibition Association in 1923, Mr. Reed was chairman of the agriculture and livestock committee until retirement. He was also chairman of the junior activities committee which directed the program of the farm boys' and farm girls' camps.

At the annual meeting of the exhibition board in 1937, Mr. Reed was made an honorary director.

An active supporter of service clubs and fraternal organizations, Mr. Reed was a Rotarian, a Mason and a Shriner.

He was president of the Regina Rotary Club in 1932 and in 1938 was district governor. A past master of King Hiram Masonic lodge and Grand Lodge Pursuivant, he was active with the Wa-Wa Temple of the Shrine.

Mr. Reed was also a member of the Agricultural institute of Canada, the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrolgists, the Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba dairy associations and the Saskatchewan Light Horse Breeders Association.

—Be sure to be on hand for Georgetown's big dance — The Firemen's Ball, Thursday evening, December 31st.

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## HORNBLY

### Hamilton Man Suffers Heart Attack at Shoot

The Halton Sportsmen Association annual turkey shoot held on the farm of Mr. Gordon Lee attracted a large crowd. There were 48 turkeys won during the afternoon. Some of the local fellows who were lucky this year were Harry Pickett, Jim Downs, Bill Robinson, Dunc Robinson, Bill Bennett and Jack Simpson.

A man from Hamilton, attending the shoot died of a heart attack. The police and ambulance were called. It was quite a shock to everyone. St. Stephen's Guild had a booth at the turkey shoot.

St. Stephen's Guild met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bradley on Tuesday evening, December 15th with fifteen members present.

The social evening began with a few games and contests. The Christmas box for the needy family was packed and several boxes of clothing were packed. A delicious lunch of fruit salad, Christmas cake and cookies was served by Mrs. Ken Ella and Mrs. Wm Bradley. Mrs. Norman Cramp acted as Santa and gave each member their gift.

Mr. Bill Thompson, who has been attending college in Potsdam, N.Y. was home for the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Thompson.

Mr. Ray Archer is home for his holidays. He attends the Toronto Art College.

Mrs. Ted Robinson is a patient in the new Milton District Hospital. She expects to be there from two to three weeks. Don Chisholm is also a patient in the hospital.

Mrs. Tom Drewbrook is confined to her bed at her home. Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley

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will be on on December 31, to Jackie Robertson who will Mr. Robert Rosa on December 31st.

The First Hornby Cub Pack held their Christmas party at the St. Stephen's church hall last Wednesday evening. This was the last meeting of the year, their next meeting is in January. The boys had great fun decorating the hall and popping their own popcorn. They presented the Akela with a small stove.

The Hornby United Church Sunday School held their concert on December 20th in the church hall with a good attendance.

All the children from kindergarten to the senior classes took part in the program with songs, recitations and solos. Everyone joined in singing the Christmas carols and songs. Santa Claus arrived and gave gifts to all the children. Lunch was enjoyed by all.

The Hornby United Church evening and afternoon W.A. held their joint meeting in the church hall last week. Mrs. Roy Wilson opened the meeting and Mrs. J. Neelands read the minutes. It was decided to give the Board of Stewards \$500 to help cover expense of the recently installed plumbing.

Mrs. Leaker, president of the Presbytery W.A. was present and she gave an interesting address. She then installed the new officers for 1960. Lunch was served.

**MIDGETS MISS MATCH**  
Bob Hulme's Hamilton midget team missed this week's game here because of heavy fog. They play here Sunday.

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## Notice to Creditors

IN THE ESTATE OF John Earl McEnery late of the Township of Esquimaux, in the County of Halton, Manager, deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of John Earl McEnery, late of the Township of Esquimaux, in the County of Halton, Manager, deceased, who died at the Township of Esquimaux, in the County of Halton, on the 26th day of October, 1959, are hereby notified to send their names and addresses and full particulars of their claims duly verified to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of January, 1960, after which date the Executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have notice.

Dated at Georgetown, Ont. this 16th day of December, 1959.

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120 Guelph St.  
Georgetown, Ontario.  
Solicitors for the Executrix  
Annie Thelma McEnery.

## Notice to Creditors

In the Estate of Margaret A. Hadley, Deceased.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of Margaret A. Hadley, late of the Village of Glen Williams in the County of Halton, married woman, who died on or about the 23rd day of October, A.D. 1959 are hereby notified to send in to the undersigned Executors of the said estate on or before the 11th of January, 1960, full particulars of their claims, after which date the estate will be distributed, having regard only to the claims of which the Executors shall then have notice.

DATED at Georgetown, Ontario, the 11th day of December, A.D. 1959.  
William Hewitt and James Sargent, Executors, by their Solicitor, M. E. Manderson,  
61 Mill Street  
Georgetown, Ont.

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