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CRITICS ARE PHARISEES, IS DR. GODFREY'S REPLY

"I Am Not Ashamed of What I Did," He Declares in Interview, Regarding Charges of Coercing Support—"I'll Kick Back," He Warns Attackers

Discussing his address to his constituents at New Toronto when he outlined the recent publicity arising out of a postscript to a letter written to one Allen, and bearing reference to a woman who was benefiting under the Mothers' Allowances Act, Hon. Dr. Forbes Godfrey in an interview with *The Globe* last night said: "I am not ashamed of what I did. My motive was absolutely an innocent one, and I had no idea or thought in my mind of coercing one vote. My critics are making a mountain out of a molehill; but, believe me, when any one starts stepping on my toes I'll kick back.

"It would have been an easy matter to mark the letter 'confidential,' but that was not done. What is more, the woman in question did not vote, and I did not send a conveyance for her on election day.

"I knew that I was safe for some thousands of votes in that section, and it does not seem likely that I would compromise my name and reputation

for one vote. My critics, I am afraid, are another edition of the old Pharisees."

At the meeting referred to, Hon. Dr. Godfrey told of having been called on the telephone by a man named Allen, who said that he was working in the Minister's interests. This man, according to Dr. Godfrey, unknown to him, was a boarder at the home of the woman receiving the pension.

A report on the files of the Mothers' Allowances Commission, according to the Minister, showed that the allowance had been cut off when it was discovered that Allen was not in steady employment, it being reasoned that, under such conditions, part of the allowance was being spent on his upkeep.

"I have done my best for the widows and mothers of the Province, and many times gone out of my way to help children," stated Dr. Godfrey, "and this is what I get."

The meeting unanimously carried a vote of confidence in the Minister.

DENTAL ATTENTION WILL BE PROVIDED IN TRAVELLING CAR

Minister of Health Makes
Plan With Department
of Education

SURVEY IS COMPLETED

The announcement was made over the week-end by Hon. Dr. Forbes Godfrey, Minister of Health, that arrangements had been completed with the Department of Education whereby accommodation for a dentist and his office would be provided in one of the travelling school railway cars now operating in the outlying track-settlement districts of Northern Ontario.

This dentist will labor on behalf of children and adults who, at the present time, have absolutely no way of receiving dental treatment.

A survey has been made of the work to be done in various sections, Dr. Godfrey stated last night, and it has been decided to send a man to the district north of North Bay so as to cover the Cobalt, Haileybury, Kirkland Lake and Cochrane districts.

It may be possible also to do work in these areas for the Red Cross. Another dentist will be sent to the Bruce Peninsula and to Manitoulin Island, and a third will start in at Rainy River this year and work back to Sudbury.