

DURHAM CHRONICLE

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THE CANADIAN COLOR-TYPE CO.

Shortly after Hon. Frank Biggs became Minister of Public Works and Highways, he gave consideration to the awarding of contracts for automobile markers. It is stated that early in the year 1920, he made a trip to Kentucky to confer with the Color-Type Company, a large corporation dealing in metals. Some time afterwards there appeared in the Toronto press, apparently an advance notice that this company had been given the contract to supply markers for the Province of Ontario. Eventually, there was so much protest on the part of manufacturers here, that apparently the Government changed their mind and decided to have the contract executed by workmen in this Province.

About this time Mr. J.L. Wright, a dentist practising in Calgary, moved to Hamilton and instructed his solicitors in Hamilton to incorporate a company called "The Canadian Color Type Company Limited." His solicitors wrote the Department on July 13, 1920, asking for incorporation, stating that it was important that they should receive it at once, as it was necessary for the new company to sign a Bond. The letter was received in the Department on July 14 and the records of the Department show that on July 15, twenty-four hours later, the Charter for this company was handed to the Hon. Frank Biggs to deliver to Dr. Wright in Hamilton.

When the tenders were opened the Canadian Color-Type Company Limited received the contract at 23c., whereas the lowest tender, that of the St. Thomas Metal Signs Company was 11 1/2c.

It is most remarkable that Hon. Mr. Biggs should take such a great interest in Dr. Wright and his Company. Usually speaking, one cannot receive the Letters Patent of a Company within two weeks of the application, but the date of issue can be given in advance. In this case, the Minister's friends got their charter delivered by the Minister within 24 hours. Most people will wonder why the Hon. Frank Biggs took so much interest in this Company and he will have to explain why he awarded them a contract, 100 per cent. higher than the lowest tender and lost to the Province \$30,000.

ECONOMY IS PREACHED BUT NOT PRACTICED

The belief of those who elected them that the members of the Drury Government intended to be economical, plain, every-day folk, was quickly dispelled when the Public Accounts after they were one year in office were scrutinized. To the amazement of many and the astonishment of all, it was found that these very gentlemen demanded luxurious trappings beyond the dreams of their predecessors in office. They got these, too, at the public expense. Here is a partial list of the furnishings purchased for the various private apartments used by the Ministers:

For Hon. Manning Doherty, Minister of Agriculture, \$160 Chesterfield, \$92 Mahogany Bed, \$32 Box Mattress for mahogany bed, \$88.50 Mahogany Chiffonier, \$139 Mahogany Dresser, \$52.50 Silver Brown Rocker, \$52.50 Walnut Table.

For Hon. F. C. Biggs, Minister of Public Works \$157 Carpet, \$90 Mahogany Wardrobe.

For Hon. Walter Rollo, Minister of Labor: \$257.31 Carpet, \$67.50 Mahogany Wardrobe, \$55.00 Oak Wardrobe.

For Hon. R. H. Grant, Minister of Education: \$111.00 Davenport, \$62 Tapestry Chair, \$59.50 Tapestry Chair, \$7.75 Smokers' Stand, \$19.75 Table, \$488.26, 2 Carpets.

For the Hon. E. C. Drury, Prime Minister: \$100 Coal Scuttle.

For Hon. Beniah Bowman, \$250 Tapestry Chesterfield.

For Hon. H. Mills, Minister of Mines: \$198 Axminster Rug.

Other articles purchased and not designated as to apartments were: \$250 Tapestry Chesterfield, \$151.25 Axminster Rug, \$129 Tapestry Chesterfield, \$84 Wilton Rug, \$83.50 Tapestry Rocker, \$121.13, \$133, \$93.38 Axminster Carpets; \$303.00, 2 Screens; \$112 Shadow Cloth, \$210 Mahogany Chesterfield, \$45 Arm Rocker, \$165 Rug.

"RICH" AND "POOR" PUPILS

While we can agree with the Hon. Peter Smith on the advisability of giving every boy and girl a good Public school education, we must differ from him in requiring parents to pay the costs of the higher training. Many, if not the most of our brightest minds, have sprung from the lower walks of life, have sprung from industrious and struggling parents who did all they could, and perhaps at much sacrifice, to give their

children the full benefit of a Public school training. The funds are exhausted and the boy or girl of ability has to quit because his parents are not able to assist him further. The children of rich parents are not always the brightest; in many cases, if not in most cases, they may be amongst the dullest, and these are the ones the Hon. Peter would have attend the Universities and higher educational institutions. It is not necessary that the children of rich parents should be duller than the children of their less-favored neighbors. The environments of youth are to blame; they get things too easily; they don't have to struggle and plod for what they get the same as their poorer neighbors, and too often they have little or no appreciation of the comforts they enjoy. If they had only been fortunate enough to be born of poor parents or treated as the children of poor parents, in nine cases out of ten they would turn out better than they do.

NEW FOX PHOTOPLAY WITH SHIRLEY MASON

William Fox is presenting Shirley Mason in another of those dainty, powerfully appealing roles with which this star has become so closely identified under his management. This time the photoplay is "Very Truly Yours" and it is here to-morrow and Saturday night of this week at the Veterans' Star Theatre. No. Miss Mason will not appear as a forlorn and pathetic figure (in which she so often has gripped our hearts), but her character as a charming young hotel stenographer alone in the world, and the sequel of her matrimonial venture are likely to enlist keenest sympathy just the same. The story, written by Helen Hawkins, is cleverly developed along lines that embrace both light comedy and serious moments.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. William Searf of Toronto spent a few days last week with relatives and friends in town and vicinity. They motored here on Wednesday and returned Sunday.

Mrs. David Wright and daughter Marjory, were in town Friday and spent the afternoon with Mrs. J. F. Irwin. Mr. Wright and son Wilfrid were in attendance at the Liberal convention.

Miss Florabel Nichol has been successful in passing her second year at Toronto University and is spending her holidays with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rabb and five children of Harriston spent the 24th with Mrs. Rabb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLean.

Mrs. Byron Pickard and two daughters, Misses Viola and Audrey, of Owen Sound, spent the 24th of May at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lawson.

Mr. T. Grannie, Mr. Neil McDonald and son Freddie, Mr. Harry Bartley and Miss McConneige, all of Owen Sound, spent the 24th of May at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lawson and friends.

Miss Alexie Moffat, teacher near Mount Forest, visited over the weekend with Mrs. W. Ritchie and other friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Livingstone and the latter's mother, Mrs. M. M. Marshall, were in Shelburne one day last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Kennedy.

Rev. and Mrs. Matthews of Colpo's Bay visited the former's sister and brother, Miss Minnie and Mr. Robert Matthews, Upper Town, on Tuesday.

Mr. W. P. Paterson of Kingsville, is renewing acquaintances around the town these days. Mr. Paterson looks well and evidently Essex County agrees with him.

Mrs. McCoskery is spending a few weeks in Toronto. Mr. McCoskery is still undergoing hospital treatment in the city.

Miss M. Ramsay of Owen Sound, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Burgess of Durham spent the 24th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Angus McLachlan, North Line, Priceville.

Mrs. Neil McCann of town visited Mr. and Mrs. D. Campbell at Priceville last week.

Mr. C. C. Douglas has sold out his jewelry business in Listowel and is opening up a repair shop in the Middaugh House block.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard G. Stevens, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyman M. Smith and son, all of Buffalo, motored here to be present at the funeral of Miss Mary Jane Cauldwell on Monday afternoon. The deceased was an aunt of Mrs. Stevens and of Mr. Smith.

Mr. John Harvey is seriously ill and not expected to recover.

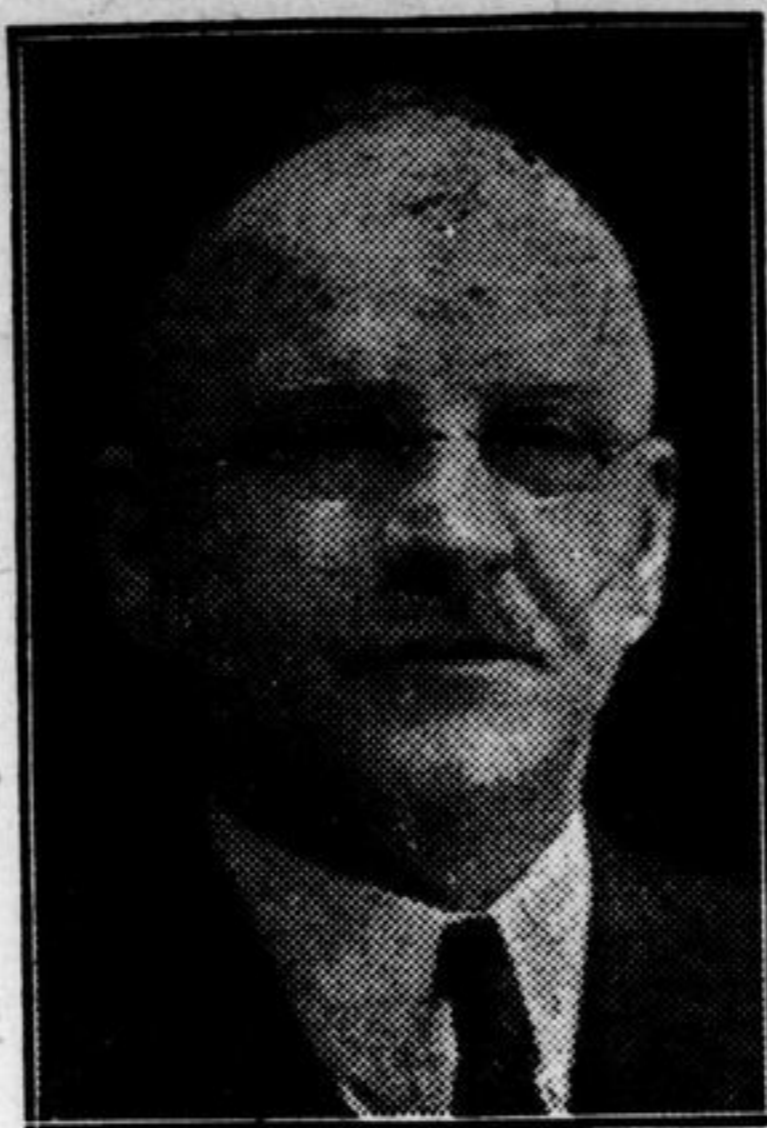
Mrs. Herbert Pettigrew and two children of Hamilton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Morton, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harkness and two children of Teeswater are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Morton.

Miss Belle Morton of Aberdeen called on friends in town to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Robertson of

OUR LEADER



HON. HOWARD FERGUSON

There has never been a public man in Ontario whose official conduct has been so microscopically investigated, and who has come through the ordeal so unscathed, as the Hon. G. Howard Ferguson. When the Hearst Government was defeated in 1919 he was one of the two Ministers in that cabinet who were returned to the Legislature. Appreciating the fact that he was a man with capacity for leadership, Mr. Drury singled him out as the one man in the Province whom he must destroy. He appointed a commission composed of two judges, who were life-long political opponents of Mr. Ferguson's party, to inquire into his administration of the Crown Lands of the Province.

There has never been so exhaustive an inquisition into the administrative acts of an Ontario Minister as this commission conducted. They sat nearly two years, gathering evidence from every available quarter, prying into all the details of the Crown Lands administration covering the period that Mr. Ferguson was Minister. The Government spent \$170,000 in its effort to discredit Hon. G. Howard Ferguson. And when it was all over Premier Drury, in a speech made at Grand Bend, Ont., on August 19, 1922, as reported in The Farmers' Sun, said:

"I am not making any charge that Mr. Ferguson ever benefited to the extent of one dollar personally. I don't believe he did. I believe personally he is clean, and never administered for his own benefit."

By the appointment of the commission, and the sensational way in which every bit of evidence was presented and commented upon by the commissioners, Mr. Ferguson was unjustly—and one might almost say maliciously—put under suspicion. He bore all the calumny that was levelled against him with the calmness and fortitude of one who was conscious of his own integrity, and knew that time would vindicate him.

Could there be more complete vindication than the statement we have quoted from the man who launched the attack upon him, and who pursued him with a vigor that was as merciless as it was persistent?

There are not many men in public life in Canada who could pass through such an experience so creditably. He was condemned by his political opponents before he was tried. The propaganda levelled against him unsettled the confidence even in some of his own political supporters. He had simply to pursue his way—as he did, bravely and unflinchingly—through two years of what amounted practically to persecution, awaiting the day of his vindication. He knew that day would come, because he, at least, was aware that no matter how deeply the commissioners might delve into his conduct, they could not produce a tittle of evidence that he had been in the smallest particular recreant to his trust as a Minister of the Crown.

It has been a gruelling experience, unequalled in its severity by that which any other public man in Ontario has ever had to endure. And now he stands before the electors of the province as one who has been tried in the fire, submitted to the most crucial test that his bitterest political opponents could devise, and with a certificate of character as an honest, upright and devoted servant of the people of Ontario, from the man who was responsible for the attack upon him.

What must be the effect on public opinion? Surely it cannot be otherwise than this man, so unjustly accused, meeting his accusers and their charges with manly courage so admirable, is a fit and proper person to be entrusted with the administration of the affairs of the province as its Prime Minister.

Hamilton visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Robertson, here, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Harding and family of Hamilton; visited her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown, for a couple of days last week.

"Children," said the Sunday school teacher, "this picture illustrates to-

day's lesson. Lot was warned to take his wife and daughters and flee out of Sodom. Here are Lot and his daughters, with his wife just behind them; and there is Sodom in the background. Now, has any boy or girl a question before we take up the study of the lesson? Well, Susie?"

"Pleathe, thir," lisped Susie, "where ith the flea?"

LACROSSE SCHEDULE DRAWN TUESDAY AT MT. FOREST

The lacrosse schedule given below was drawn up on Tuesday night at Mount Forest. Convenor Harding and R. L. Saunders being present from here, the latter to look after the interests of the Durham Club:

June 20 Mt. Forest at Arthur
28 Arthur at Durham
July 13 Durham at Mt. Forest
18 Arthur at Mt. Forest
25 Durham at Arthur
30 Mt. Forest at Durham.

It has been decided to use local referees in the games and this in itself will be a big saving over the old system of importing men from Toronto. The following names have been submitted as officials:

Arthur—Fair and Heffernan.
Durham—McLachlan and R. L. Saunders.
Mt. Forest—Allan and Obrecht.

FAILED TO LIFT HAHN TROPHY

A rink of Hanover bowlers were in Durham Monday evening for the purpose of lifting the Hahn Trophy, now held by the Durham rink, but were unsuccessful.

The Hanover rink consisted of Messrs. Scarborough, W. Cross, Zinn and Richardson and is the one that won the McKay trophy last year. The Durham bowlers were Messrs. Calder (skip), Goodchild, McIlraith and H. Cross, and the score was as follows:

Durham — 112001011110100410—15
Hanover. — 000210200001012001—10

When a woman makes up her mind to clean house she is as determined about it as a hen about to set.

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Sunday, June 3, 1923.
A.M.—"Divine Legacy."
P.M.—"Beginning to Plow."
First of five Spring sermons.

DURHAM MARKET

Corrected May 31, 1923.

Live hogs.....	\$10.50
Wheat.....	1.45
Oats.....	48 @ 50
Barley.....	.65
Buckwheat.....	65 @ 68
Peas.....	1.20 @ 1.25
Hay.....	10.00 @ 12.00
Butter.....	.25
Eggs.....	.23
Potatoes, per bag.....	.75
Hides.....	.07
Sheepskins.....	.75

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A walking cane isn't a lip stick just because the youngster carrying it has too much lip.

FARM FOR SALE BY TENDER

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to June 12 next for the purchase of parts of Lot Number 62 and 63 in the second concession, Bentinck, containing 92 acres more or less. The property is within easy access of the Town of Durham. The highest tender not necessarily accepted. For further particulars, apply to A. B. Currey, Solicitor, Durham. 5312

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