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NEW CABINET NAMED BY PREMIER-ELECT

LITTLE CHANGE IN SLATE FROM THOSE ALREADY PUBLISHED IN DAILY PRESS FORECASTS—APPOINTMENTS SINCE ELECTION DAY TO BE REGARDED AS PURE PATRONAGE.

The official announcement of the personnel of the new Ontario Cabinet which will work with Hon. G. H. Ferguson has been made, following the completion late on Saturday of the draft, which was taken to Government House and received the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor. According to arrangements which have been made with the Drury Government, Hon. Mr. Ferguson and his Cabinet will take over their duties next Monday, July 16. The new Cabinet is:

Premier and Minister of Education—Hon. G. H. Ferguson, K.C., Grenville.

Attorney-General—Hon. W. F. Nickle, K.C., Kingston.

Public Works and Highways—Hon. George H. Henry, East York.

Provincial Treasurer—Col. W. H. Price, K.C., Parkdale.

Mines—Charles McCrea, K. C., Sudbury.

Public Health and Labor—Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.D., West York.

Agriculture—John S. Martin, South Norfolk.

Provincial Secretary—Lincoln Goldie, South Wellington.

Lands and Forests—James W. Lyons, Sault Ste. Marie.

Without Portfolio—Hon. Sir Adam Beck, London; Hon. Thomas Crawford, seat "A" Northwest Toronto; Dr. Leeming Carr, M. D., East Hamilton; I. R. Cooke, North Hastings.

Speaker—Capt. Thomas E. Thompson, seat "B" Northeast Toronto.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson in announcing the personnel of his Government made the following statement: "With patience and care we have canvassed the whole situation taking into consideration all factors necessary in forming a representative Cabinet there still remains a number of strong capable members who are none less worthy than those who will form the Cabinet.

"The new Government earnestly desires to be representative of all people and consistent with the principles of party government which are based on British parliamentary institutions, endeavor to translate into action policies that will command the support of all classes."

The formal announcement of the coming premier's views and intentions was made by his Secretary, C. C. Hele, who imparted the brief statement.

"Any appointment made to the civil service, either permanent or temporary, since June 25 (election day), will be regarded as pure patronage."

This announcement affects, it is said, a dozen or more registrars, county court clerks and so forth appointed in various sections of the province and perhaps most notably A. G. Browning, former Deputy Attorney-General of Alberta, who was appointed only last week to an important post in the Attorney-General's Department at a salary of \$5,400.

Only One of Five Brothers.

According to a dispatch from Sault Ste. Marie, seventy years ago five brothers living in England decided to take advantage of the opportunity for financial advancement that Canada held out. The five brothers embarked together, but only one reached the new land. A storm arose while the vessel was in mid-ocean and four of the adventurers went down with the ship. The survivor made his way to the land and became the Canadian head of the family of Lyons, of which the new Minister of Lands and Forests, Jas. W. Lyons, is a member.

PAST ONTARIO ELECTIONS

Election results in Ontario since Confederation have been as follows:

1867.—Unionist supporters of Sandfield Macdonald 54, Reformers 23, Independents 5.

1871.—Reformers 41, Unionists 2, Independents 7.

1875.—Liberals 51, Conservatives 33, Independents 4.

1879.—Liberals 58, Conservatives 29, Independents 1.

1883.—Liberals 48, Conservatives 36, Independents 2.

1886.—Liberals 64, Conservatives 26.

1890.—Liberals 54, Conservatives 36.

1894.—Liberals 49, Conservatives 27, Patrons of Industry 14, P.P.A. 2.

1898.—Liberals 49, Conservatives 43, Patrons 1.

1902.—Liberals 51, Conservatives 46.

1905.—Conservatives 69, Liberals 29.

1911.—Conservatives 83, Liberals 21, Labor 1.

1914.—Conservatives 81, Liberals 25, Independent Liberal 1, Labor 1.

1919.—United Farmers of Ontario 44, Liberals 29, Conservatives 25, Labor 11, Soldier 4, Independent 2.

1923.—Conservatives 75, United Farmers 17, Liberals 14, Labor 4, Independents 1.

STAMP TAX CHANGES OPERATIVE AUGUST 1

EXCISE STAMPS MUST BE USED—MAXIMUM ON BILLS, CHEQUES, WILL BE \$4.00.

The first of the changes in the stamp taxes made by the recent budget, becomes operative on August 1.

One dollar will be the maximum on cheques, bills of exchange and receipts for money paid to a person by a bank, chargeable against a deposit to his credit, express money orders, travelers' cheques and post office orders.

After October 1 postage stamps may not be used in payment of stamp taxes for revenue purposes. Excise stamps only may be used.

The receipt tax makes taxable receipts for \$10 or upwards on post cards, form letters and ordinary letters, and this is effective on August 1. Another amendment provides that a receipt, liable to a tax shall not, except in criminal proceedings, be given in evidence, or be available for any purpose unless it is duly stamped.

The new sales tax will become effective on January 1.

MILDMAY RESIDENTS VICTIMS OF SERIOUS ACCIDENT

While returning home by motor from Kitchener, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Herrgott of Mildmay met with rather a serious accident. They had reached a point about five miles north of Alma where the road is narrow for a long stretch, and where they met a big touring car which was traveling at a terrific rate, keeping right in the middle of the road. To avoid a collision Mr. Herrgott turned his car out into the grass just as the big car bounded past and hit the rear end of Mr. Herrgott's car, which caused it to go down the slope, overturning it completely. Mr. Herrgott succeeded in getting out from the car, although he was severely bruised, and had his knee badly cut. His wife received more serious injuries, having had two ribs broken and her body badly bruised. The children in the back seat escaped unhurt. Help was summoned and the car put back on its wheels. A doctor from Drayton attended to the injuries both sustained and they then resumed their journey home. Mrs. Herrgott is still suffering considerably and it will be some time before she will be able to be her former self.

ORANGEMEN ATTEND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCHED IN BODY FROM HALL, HEADED BY DURHAM CITIZENS' BAND—AN IMPRESSIVE SERVICE.

Durham District Orangemen to the number of about seventy were in attendance at the annual Orange sermon in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening. Headed by the Durham Citizens' Band, the society marched in a body to and from the service, which was a very impressive one, and well and thoughtfully delivered by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Smith.

During the service the choir rendered an anthem, "Praise and Thanksgiving," and there was also a duet by Misses McComb and Stonehouse, "Life's Railway to Heaven."

Mr. Smith preached on the story of Philip and the Eunuch, found in Acts 8: "The open Bible opened." He vividly narrated the incident of the eunuch in far off Ethiopia finding a fragment of Old Testament parchment, eagerly studying it to discover its meaning, going to Jerusalem to find some one there to explain it and then turning back home disappointed, yet still puzzling over the mystery. Then Philip came at the opportune moment—sent by God—to tell him out of his own experience how the prophecy was fulfilled in the Saviour, and led the seeking man to Jesus Christ.

The L.O.L. believe in an open Bible but a mere open Bible may be a fetish or form. It is open for us that we may find there the Christ and it fails of its purpose until it brings us face to face with Him.

Every organization has a reason and a purpose and yours is to secure and retain for all intelligent liberty—to wage war against all autocracy, ignorance and sin. To carry on this warfare successfully the open Bible is the first necessity to lighten the pathway of life, to show the way of salvation from sin, and make men free by the truth.

The Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God, and the Word of God is the one weapon that melts the heart of the enemy and wins his friendship.

Mr. Smith told incidents of the wonderful success of the Bible among the new Canadians, among the French and in foreign lands, to break down prejudice and enmity, and to unite diverse peoples for liberty and service. It is our duty to have the open Bible ourselves, to put it into the hands of all men, to send missionaries to explain its meaning and to persist until we and they all find Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

IN BAD

(Richmond Times-Dispatch.) A certain church society visits the hospitals of its city, and the other night the society had supper in the Sunday school room before leaving on its mission of mercy. At the conclusion of the meal, Brother Miller said:

"Now that we have eaten supper, let's go to the Home for Incurables. The ladies haven't spoken to him since."

ONLY ONE COMMISSION IN THIRTY YEARS OF PRACTICAL VALUE

THAT WAS THE ONE PRESIDED OVER BY HON. T. W. CROTHERS, WHO ORDERED REDUCTION IN PRICE OF SCHOOL BOOKS—COMMISSIONS NOT AFRAID OF COMMISSIONS.

The campaigners in the recent election have devoted some time and space at the expenditure of much eloquence and elocution, on the subject of commissions, and as the campaign has now passed into history, the writer sees no reason why he should not be at liberty to discuss that more or less interesting topic without fear of being accused of having relegated his political effusions to partizan propaganda, says Thomas Hammond of Aylmer in The St. Thomas Times-Journal.

This seems to be an age of commission activities, both in Canada and in the United States, and after a somewhat careful consideration by the writer the conclusion reached has been that government commissions are of much expense but of little profit, except to the commissioners.

The writer can recall but one commission in this country during the past thirty years that was of any practical value to the general public. The exception referred to was the commission appointed by the Whitney Government to investigate the charge that the people of Ontario were paying too much for their school books. The late Hon. T. W. Crothers of St. Thomas had the honor to be chairman of that commission, and so honestly and thoroughly was the work done that the parents of the school children of this province profited to the amount of several hundred thousands of dollars per annum. About sixty per cent, was knocked off the price of the books in the Public Schools. After the commission had completed its work it required only about forty cents to purchase in school equipment for which a dollar was paid before the investigation. I have intimated that speaking in general the commissioners were about the only people who profited by commissions. This fact makes the exception all the more striking, for in this case the chairman of the commission was about the only man who did not profit, for the late Mr. Crothers refused to accept a penny of remuneration for his services. Compare this with any other commission in the history of Canada or the United States. There may have been some commissions by which the public benefited, but the writer cannot recall them.

Same in United States.

About three months ago, when the sugar barons were advancing the price of sugar, by which they must have robbed the consumers, rich and poor alike, of not less than a million dollars a day, the President of the United States and his government ordered an investigation by a commission. The sugar magnates promptly replied with a challenge by increasing the price of sugar by about one and a half cents a pound. The sugar manipulators did not fear commissions, and apparently they knew their ground better than did the President and his government, for the report of the commissioners was quite to the liking of the profiteers. Doubtless they had the information that they wished to have placed before the commissioners. They must be credited with efficiency in this matter. Ninety per cent, if not ninety-nine per cent, of investigations by commissions are no more satisfactory than was that of the commission that investigated the cause in the rise of sugar. Should any of my readers consider my article severe about this popular way of pacifying the public mind, when conditions become all but unbearable, let them review the results of the numerous commissions, both in Canada and in the republic to the south of us, and it will be found that the report of the sugar commission is a fair sample of commission investigations in which large industrial interests are concerned.

The remedy is not in sight, but with the single exception already referred to, experience has taught the consumer, who in the last analysis pays the bill for all these extortions, that the remedy is not in commissions.

ARTHUR AND DRAYTON LODGES VISITED BY D.D.G.M. RITCHIE

On Tuesday night of last week Mr. John Ritchie, D.D.G.M. of District No. 27 I.O.O.F. motored to Arthur to install the officers in that lodge for the ensuing term. He was accompanied by Rev. W. H. Smith, Calvin Kinnee, Peter Ramage, John A. Graham, Allan Bell and W. Irwin, all members of the Lodge here, who acted as installing team. They went by motor and arrived back about two o'clock in the morning.

On Friday night Mr. Ritchie discharged a similar duty in the Lodge at Drayton, having for his team E.D. McClocklin, Allan Bell, W. C. Vollett, Rev. W. H. Smith, J. A. Graham, Peter Ramage and David Nichol. They again went by motor and, though the distance is about 40 miles each way, arrived back a little earlier than they did from Arthur.

Mr. Ritchie will install the officers at Harrison to-morrow night, when it is expected to have a full team from here.

EGREMONT FARMER DIED SUDDENLY

CHARLES SMAIL DIED SUDDENLY IN BED SUNDAY MORNING AND WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS SHOCKED—FUNERAL HELD ON TUESDAY FROM AMOS CHURCH.

The sudden death on Sunday morning of Mr. Charles Smail, about a mile north of Dromore, was a shock to the whole township and to his large circle of friends in and around Durham. Mr. Smail was apparently a strong, healthy man, and only the Friday previous to his death had been engaged in hauling gravel and doing other heavy work. He was a man who was never known to be ill, and when the news of his sudden death was announced it seemed hard to believe.

Mr. Smail had awakened early on Sunday morning and had been engaged in conversation with his wife, remarking that it looked as if it were going to be another hot day. About seven o'clock he raised himself on his elbow to get up, and fell back dead. Though the shock to his host of friends throughout the country, that to his wife and family can only be imagined, and they are the recipients of the sympathy of all in their hour of trial.

The late Mr. Smail was a member of one of the oldest pioneer families in Egremont Township, and was born and lived all his life on the farm on which he died. He was a son of the late John Smail, who secured the land from the Crown, and it has always remained in the possession of the Smail family.

The late Mr. Smail was 57 years of age and was born on Lot 16, Concession 19, where he lived all his life. In 1904 he was married to Miss Bertha Cook of Bentinck and besides his widow leaves a family of four sons: John A., Edward G., James C. and Robert, all of whom are at home with the exception of the latter, who is attending the Durham High school. Besides his family he leaves one brother, Robert, in Dromore, and three sisters, Mrs. Neil Calder, Winnipeg; Mrs. George Baird, also of Winnipeg; Mrs. D. McGill of Toronto and Mrs. William Hay of Dromore.

Mr. Smail was a staunch Presbyterian and the funeral on Tuesday from Amos Church was largely attended. The family pastor, Rev. W. J. Burnett, preached a touching sermon, and the Orange brethren, of which society the deceased was a member, attended in a body and had charge of the services.

In connection with the Orange society, it might here be mentioned that Mr. Smail has been a member of L.O.L. 861, Dromore, for 40 years and in all that time has missed only two celebrations.

Those from a distance present at the funeral were: Mrs. Kate McGill of Toronto, a sister; Messrs. Colin, John, Hugh and Misses Kate and Mary McGill, Toronto, nephews and nieces; Mr. and Mrs. David Brodie and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roy of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. George Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Messerschmidt, of Hanover, the women sisters of Mrs. Smail; Mr. and Mrs. William Knapp, Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hay of Durham.

The pall-bearers were: Messrs. Robert Kinnell, Albert Hann, J. R. Wilson, I. Hooper, T. Moore and J. McKenzie.

GARAFRAXA NEARLY READY FOR COAT OF OIL

Work on the Provincial Highway south of Owen Sound, according to The Sun-Times, is progressing, and in about another two weeks' time the road should be completed and oiled as far south as Gordon's side-road, the southerly limit of the Frank A. Milligan contract. The rock-cutting at Starvation Corner is about completed and there remains a short piece north of Rockford and north of Starvation Corner still to be done. The whole road will be given a coating of heavy oil to save the surface.

The Canadian Engineering and Construction Company, who have the contract for the balance of the road to Chatsworth, and for short distances south on the Garafraxa and Toronto-Sydenham roads have commenced operations and it is expected that the work will be rushed through to completion. This firm is now working on the Toronto-Sydenham road just outside Chatsworth but it is expected that work will commence shortly on the Garafraxa connecting Owen Sound and Chatsworth.

STILL FOUND NEAR WIARTON

(Warton Canadian-Echo.) After receiving a number of intimations that John Spiers of Almarle Township was conducting an illicit still, Chisholm, of Owen Sound, had Constable Blood investigate, with the result that John Spiers was tried in court Wednesday morning for having a still on his property.

Spiers lives on the Lion's Head road, and about 80 rods from his house is an adjoining farm, owned by him, on which is an empty house. It was in this house the still, which Spiers claims to have no knowledge of, was located.

At the trial this morning W. H. Wright appeared for the crown and H. G. Tucker for the defendant. Spiers was fined \$200 and costs or six months in jail. The case has been appealed.

WITH THE WEEKLY PRESS IN THE MARITIMES

Owing to the election news, and other matters that might be regarded by our readers of greater local interest, we have deferred an account of the Press trip to the Maritime Provinces. It was a fine outing, and had a broadening influence on the minds of most of the weekly press men, whose limited travel gave them only a slight conception of the vast heritage embraced in the Dominion of Canada.

Though the Canadian Press Association has been in existence for over 60 years, and annual meetings have been held every year since its first organization, it is only four years since the Weekly section severed their connection with the original society and became a separate body. Immediately after the secession a broadening out policy was adopted and larger things were planned.

The chief object is to give the weekly press a better idea of Canada in order that, from first knowledge, the editors may have a better knowledge of their country and its needs, and be in a better position to return the knowledge they have acquired to the readers of their respective papers.

Two years ago the idea of a trip to the West was made and carried out successfully, largely through the influence and executive ability of the Manager, Mr. E. Roy Sayles. The meeting on that occasion was held in Vancouver, and the itinerary in going and coming brought the weekly press in touch with all the principal towns and cities of the Great West. It was a revelation to all and gave a fixed knowledge of the magnitude and material prosperity of the cities, towns and provinces through which the trip was made.

Last year the convention was held in the city of Ottawa, with a side trip to Montreal, the metropolis of the Dominion. Through the courtesy of the citizens at both places the visitors were taken to the principal points of interest and additional knowledge obtained. While in Ottawa last year it was decided to visit the Maritime Provinces in 1923 and feelers were put out to go to one better in 1924 and go to England and the continent. The outlined plans were well received and accordingly the Maritime trip was carried out and the convention held in Halifax.

During the interval, Mr. W. A. Davies went to England and ascertained the arrangements. At the convention in Halifax the result of his visit to the Old Land was laid clearly before the convention, and about forty signified their intention to take in the trip if arranged. These, with others who pledged themselves at an earlier date, brought the number up to about a hundred and the trip was decided on for June and July, 1924. A cablegram was sent confirming the arrangements on the other side of the Atlantic and some are even now preparing for the seven- or eight-weeks' outing.

We must not forget to mention that these long and otherwise costly trips are made possible only through the liberality of the transportation companies, who gave low rates for the services rendered. As one man aptly put it: "No amount of money could purchase the service and entertainments promised for the 1924 trip to be taken by the C.W.N.A. if they went in any other way. The number, we understand, is not to exceed 150."

The recent press party left Toronto at 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, one hundred and seventy-five strong, on a special Canadian Pacific train, equal in equipment to anything that ever travelled in Canada. It was one of the largest special trains that ever pulled out of Toronto station. It included twelve coaches, of which eight were standard sleepers of the most modern type. Two diners with special crews of chefs and waiters were attached and at the rear was a compartment observation coach from which the travellers were able to view the splendid scenery through which the Canadian Pacific runs. These, with baggage cars, made up the train. The engine was a modern type high-power locomotive, which contributed greatly to the success of the trip by doing even better than the time schedule arranged.

The train pulled into Montreal eight minutes ahead of time and the excellent record thus established on the first lap of the journey was kept up all the way over the line.

At Havelock the train took the southern route, passing through Oshawa, Whiby, Trenton, Belleville, and other important towns along the route, affording long stretches of beautiful scenery along the northern shores of Lake Ontario. From Belleville it veered northward to Perth, where it again joined the main line, proceeding to Smith's Falls and on to Montreal.

About midnight the train left Montreal, and passing through St. John, Sherbrooke and Lennoxville, entered the State of Maine a short distance east of Megantic. From here, for about 225 miles, we passed through American territory, beautifully diversified with mountains, lakes, and woodland, much as it was left by Nature. There seemed very little of this part of the State that would ever be of much agricultural value. It isn't always well to judge of a country by what you see from the railroad, but to us it looked like a paradise for the hunter and fisherman.

Shortly after reaching the eastern boundary of Maine we pulled up at McAdam Junction, in New Brunswick, where, during a short stay, the

party joined heartily in singing "O Canada."

A short run brought us to Fredericton Junction, where we turned northward and in half an hour or so reached Fredericton, the capital of New Brunswick, a pretty little city of some 12,000 inhabitants. We reached here at 3 p.m. Friday and found the station platform lined with cars in readiness to give us a welcome and take us through the city and show us the points of interest. After a short drive through the city we were served with a magnificent banquet in the Methodist church, where we were officially welcomed by the Mayor of the city, Premier Venoit, and Lieutenant-Governor Todd. Another drive followed and about nine o'clock we were landed at the Parliament Buildings, where further welcomes were extended, after which the floors were cleared and dancing was indulged in till midnight. The train remained on the siding for the night and all returned when ready to their births for the night. Fredericton, like many others of the Eastern cities, has mostly wooden buildings. It is on the right bank of the St. John River and about 80 miles from St. John, on the Bay of Fundy.

Saturday morning, June 16, at an early hour the train pulled out for St. John's, skirting in full view of the St. John River nearly the whole distance. About noon we reached St. John, where further welcomes were extended, a magnificent luncheon served at the Paradise Cafe, and a sufficiency of automobiles provided and street-cars placed free at the service of all visitors. St. John is a city of about 60,000, on the Bay of Fundy at the mouth of the St. John River. It contains an ocean outlet all the year round and has in course of construction one of the finest dry docks in the world.

(Continued next week.)

WATERWORKS SYSTEM WILL COST \$102,000

THIS IS THE AMOUNT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL BY ENGINEER ON TUESDAY NIGHT.

The engineer appointed some time ago to consider the situation regarding waterworks for Durham met the Council here on Tuesday night and gave a very full report.

Three propositions were considered:

- (1) The utilizing of the springs on the hillside east of the Anglican Church;
- (2) The Saugeen River;
- (3) Wilder's Lake.

Full particulars as to quality of water, cost of construction, plans to be followed, were gone into fully in a lengthy typewritten article accompanied by blue prints.

An estimate of costs for construction and maintenance was also submitted, and suggested recommendations were made by the engineer. The costs varied as follows: On proposition to use springs, \$102,000; to use river, which would require a filter bed, \$117,000; to use Wilder's Lake, \$152,000.

Action was taken by the Council to ascertain further particulars and a public meeting is likely to be held soon, when an opportunity for discussion will be given the ratepayers.

MRS. ALEX. MILNE DIED SUDDENLY ON SUNDAY

WELL-KNOWN EGREMONT WOMAN PASSES AWAY AFTER ONLY A FEW HOURS' ILLNESS.

Mrs. Alex. Milne a respected resident of Egremont living half a mile east of Dromore, passed away Sunday after a few hours' illness, and the suddenness of her demise was a shock to the whole community. Mrs. Milne was taken ill Sunday morning about 6.30 and although the doctor was summoned immediately, she passed away about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Milne had always been a strong, healthy woman, and her sudden death was a distinct shock to her friends and another evidence of the uncertainty of life.

The deceased, who, before her marriage was Agnes Fettes, was 55 years of age and was married 31 years ago to her now sorrowing husband, Mr. Alex. Milne, who, with one son, Alex., survives to mourn her loss. Another son, William, died overseas in Buxton Hospital.

Mrs. Milne leaves three brothers, William Fettes of Humansville, Mo., Dr. J. M. Fettes of LeMars, Iowa, and Dr. A. Fettes of Calgary, Alberta. She also leaves five sisters, Mrs. David Waddell of Sperling, Man.; Mrs. Alex Henderson, Holstein; Mrs. Neil McKechnie, Hopeville, Miss. Tena, matron of the Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Durham, and Miss Anna, teacher at Hopeville.

Interment was made Wednesday afternoon in Amos cemetery, Dromore, the service being taken by the family pastor, Rev. Mr. Burnett.

YOUNG BEAR AT CLIFFORD

(Clifford Express.) One day recently while motoring up north Messrs. Robert Rolston and Clifford White of Wroxeter, on coming around a curve, nearly ran over a young bear. He was not badly hurt and with some little difficulty they captured him and brought him home. They sold the bear and shipped it to Guelph.

Some women drive their husbands and others make them back up.