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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DIVORCE

NOTICE is hereby given that ARTHUR REYNOLDS COUSINS of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, and Province of Ontario, Accountant, will apply to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for a Bill of Divorce from his wife, VALENTINE ALEXANDRIA McCUALEY GENSON WATSON COUSINS now residing in the City of New York, in the State of New York on the ground of Adultery and Desertion.

Dated at Toronto in the Province of Ontario this thirty-first day of December, A.D. 1925.

NASMITH & KENNELL
357 Bay St., Toronto
Solicitors for the Applicant

Commission Reserve Findings On all Four Cases Heard

The sitting of the Ontario Church Commission in Stouffville occupied two full days last week, attracting sufficient people to comfortably fill Ratcliff's hall during the entire time of the hearing. Four cases were heard, namely Stouffville, Beaverton, Sutton and Wick. Judgment in all cases is reserved, and may be expected any time within one to three weeks.

The commission is composed of Justice Falconbridge, W. H. Wardrope, K.C., and R. S. Cassels, K.C. Mr. D. L. McCarthy, K.C., assisted by Mr. Norman McDowell, conducted the cases for the anti-unions and Mr. Gershon Mason, K.C. assisted by Mr. R. B. Whitbread looked after the interests of the Unionists.

The Stouffville case was heard first and occupied all Friday morning.

The request was for relief from extreme hardship by the local Presbyterians. Mr. McCarthy stated the situation briefly saying that the church had been left empty after June 10th, but was occupied by the Presbyterians.

"The basis of my application is that the former Presbyterians at Melville and Stouffville were under one charge—drawing from a territory of six miles. The Melville church had entered union and is using the church there."

At this point a lengthy argument ensued between Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Falconbridge as to whether these churches could be construed to be in one community for church purposes, the Commissioner holding that although the Cashel church was established first, the minute the Stouffville church was instituted it separated them so far as a church community goes. Thereupon Mr. McCarthy stated it was no use in further argument on the question from this angle if the Commission refuse to admit this as one community.

Mr. Mason made the following suggestion: "The two congregations united are now in the former Methodist church. The basement of the Presbyterian church is under lease to the School Board at \$144 a year. The church auditorium is being used by the non-concurrents. The minority in Stouffville is very small, our vote being 49 to 28. Our view is that the congregation is too small to warrant them to continue long.

Secondly, while the Methodist church is adequate for the adults, the Sunday School is overcrowded, and for this reason we prefer to retain the church.

Thirdly, there is no place for the young people to meet, although there are seven churches in the town.

We wish to be free to use the church as we see fit for Sunday School and community purposes. For this there is a crying need.

"The church was valued some years ago at \$20,000" continued Mr. Mason.

Mr. McCarthy—"What is its present value?"

Mason—"I don't know."

Continuing he said: "My suggestion is that until June 1926 we ask them \$25 rental for the year, subject to the rights of the school board to the extent of the school board's right to the school building." After June 1926, \$100 yearly, and should the school board discontinue, then \$150 per year. Non-concurrents to bear necessary repairs. This under a five year lease with a further term of five years, if desired, with the understanding that if service should discontinue for a period of three months, the lease may be cancelled."

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"we are not satisfied with this, we will be willing to offer the church outright on payment of \$3000. The difficulty is that either suggestion still leaves us without a solution of our difficulty. We need \$1400 to repair the former Methodist church, which leaves us only \$1600 for ex-

tensions necessary to accommodate the Sunday School."

The adequacy of the Methodist church to house the two congregations in the auditorium was admitted by Unions' counsel.

Mr. McCarthy said that if the object of the Commission is to hear such suggestions as this, the time was being wasted. This might be done without calling this sitting.

W. H. Clark was then called by Mr. McCarthy, for the Presbyterians. He said the present congregation numbered 46 at the Presbyterian church. Regular worship was held since June 10th, for a time two services a Sunday, but lately one service in conjunction with Markham.

He said "We have a session, W.M.S. and Young People's Society, in fact all church officers, excepting a Sunday school."

"Why haven't you a Sunday school?"

Mr. Clark—"We have no Sunday school one reason being, the chairs were taken to the Methodist church and stored in the furnace room, since they may be in use."

"Is that the reason, asked Mr. Mason?" Answer—"There are others."

To Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Clark said

"the attendance went from 43 to 85.

Last Sunday it was 70, and the finances show a balance on hand of \$26, with running expenses paid up."

Cross examined by Mr. Mason:

"Do you make any complaint respecting the chairs?" "No, but we have an interest in them and wish to be compensated."

Mr. Mason—"Is it the real reason that you didn't start a S.S. because of the chairs?"

Mr. Clark, "I wouldn't say it was the real reason."

Mr. A. D. Bruce of Melville church was next witness, and counsel sought to show the geographical area of the two churches, holding that the relationship was but a pastoral one.

Rev. Mr. Young was the second Unions' witness, and testified as to the attendance, then Mr. M. Harris concluded giving evidence as to the size of the former Methodist S.S.

Considerable documentary evidence was filed and the Commission ad-

journed for lunch, after dinner taking up the case of Beaverton which lasted until 9 o'clock in the evening.

The Beaverton situation is a complicated one arising from the fact that in 1914 before the vote on union was taken, there took place a union of two Presbyterian churches, St. Andrew's and Knox, the latter congregation coming from the old Stone Church built in 1844 and one of the last Scottish churches to enter the Presbyterian union in Canada. Into this union there came in 1918 a Methodist congregation. When the recent vote on union was taken last February there was strong opposition to the Methodist members voting on the question. The fact that a signed ballot was used was another cause of trouble. The result of the vote showed according to last Friday's evidence, that 104 Methodist and 182 Presbyterian members had voted for union, and that 137 had voted against it and that some 148 didn't vote at all.

Mr. McCarthy, for the non-concurrents asked the Commission to declare that the vote was an irregular one and could not affect the property because a signed ballot was used.

If the Commission did not so rule he asked that relief be afforded the Presbyterian minority who had no

place to worship in, while the Unions' majority retained the two church buildings, St. Andrews on Simcoe St. and Knox on Osborne St.

Relief from hardship was asked in the Sutton case, while Wick which went Union by a majority of two, claimed irregularity in taking the vote.

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