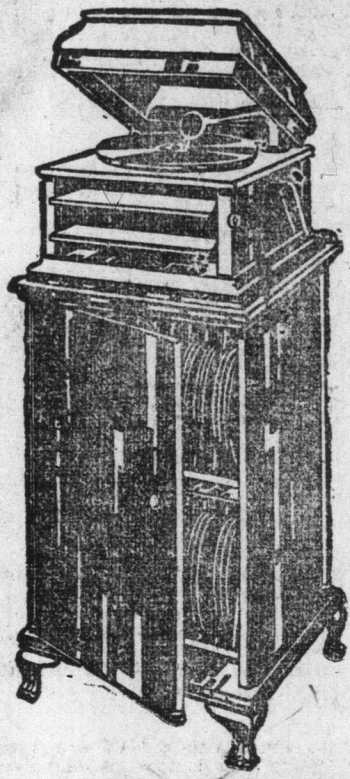


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MAJOR BEATTIE'S WILL ORDERED FOR PROBATE

Only Son Loses Fortune Owing
to Failure to Upset Father's
Testament.

(Continued From Page 1).

major, devised practically the entire
fortune to J. H. A. Beattie, a lawyer
of this city, and a nephew, and to
Thomas Beattie Oliver, another ne-
phew.

The probating of the will being re-
sisted by Major Beattie's son, a
motion was raised in the supreme court
of Canada by order of the latter court,
and came up today for trial before
Chief Justice Meredith.

The Meredith family were scarcely
less prominent than the Beattie fam-
ily in today's trial. Edmund Meredith,
K.C., and his son, W. R. Mer-
edith, appeared for Clifford Hindley
Beattie, and T. G. Meredith, K.C., ap-
peared for the acting counsel for J. H. A.
Beattie, the principal legatee, and ex-
ecutor of the will. Sir George Gibbons
was associated with him defending the will.

In attempting to set aside the will,
counsel for Major Beattie's son, col-
lected to the stand J. H. A. Beattie. The
latter admitted that he had been solici-
tor of the late Major Beattie, and that
he was on intimate terms with him for a
number of years. He deposed that
Major Beattie came to his office in
August, 1912, and instructed him to
draw his will. For that purpose he left
with him a will drawn a few years
before by a member of parliament from
New Brunswick, presumably Mr. Jus-
tice Crockett. The major said he
wanted some changes made in the will,
and the changes he suggested were
certainly somewhat startling and dra-
matic in character. By Crockett's will
the entire estate was left to the ma-
jor's son, Clifford Hindley Beattie,
with the exception of a few trifling
legacies and a trust estate of \$10,000,
created for the benefit of Miss
Burwell. The instructions for the new
will increased all the legacies, and
also doubled the trust fund for
the benefit of Miss Burwell, but the
bulk of the estate, instead of going
to the son of the testator, was devised
to the solicitor, J. H. A. Beattie, and
another nephew, Thomas Beattie Ol-
iver. The will was accordingly drawn
and a day or two later executed. It is
this will which today received judicial
confirmation.

Many Allegations Made.
In endeavoring to set aside the will,
it was thought that Major Beattie had
never intended it to go in effect, that
it was merely a bluff to draw for the
purpose of securing his son into
good behavior. It was also claimed
that the solicitor who drew the will
possibly in his own favor, had exerted
undue influence over the late major.
Finally it was suggested that there was
a tacit understanding between Major
Beattie and his solicitor by which the
latter took his legacy, amounting to
\$50,000, in trust for the major's son
Clifford Hindley Beattie. All these al-
legations were stoutly denied by J. H.
A. Beattie.

Settlement Advised.
Hindley Beattie was in court in uni-
form, as he is taking an officer's
course, and intends to go to the front.
His lordship mentioned that he was in-
terested upon the appearance of the young
man in uniform, and said he hoped it
was not put on for this day only. At
the same time his lordship suggested the
parties to arrive at some settlement,
and almost agreed with the residuary
legatee to agree to stand in the position
of a guardian, and to take the custody
of the estate. J. H. A. Beattie, however,
refused to make any pledge in this
behalf, although he was anxious to have
one time a settlement had been ar-
rived at on the basis of \$10,000, for
the major's son thru the interposi-
tion of B. A. Lancaster.

Major to Blame.
One of the most interesting fea-
tures of the trial was the testimony
of Miss Louise Burwell, Miss Bur-
well was for years Major Beattie's
housekeeper, and almost his only
mother to his son. She strove valiantly
today to help the son, and sat by
his side thru the entire trial.
If the will had been set aside, Miss
Burwell would have forfeited a life
annuity of \$1500 a year, but none the
less she did all she could to save the
estate for Clifford Hindley Beattie.
At one time her emotion overcame
her in describing an interview be-
tween Major Beattie and her a few months
before his death. According to her
testimony, and in accordance with
all the testimony in the case, Major
Beattie was exceedingly fond of the
boy. When Miss Burwell was asked
if the will had been set aside, she
replied that the boy repeatedly raised
money in an irregular way, even to
the extent of forgery, she defended
him warmly, saying that his father
was in great part to blame. The
major, she said, would lavish a great
deal of money on the boy, and then
leave him without a cent for the next month.

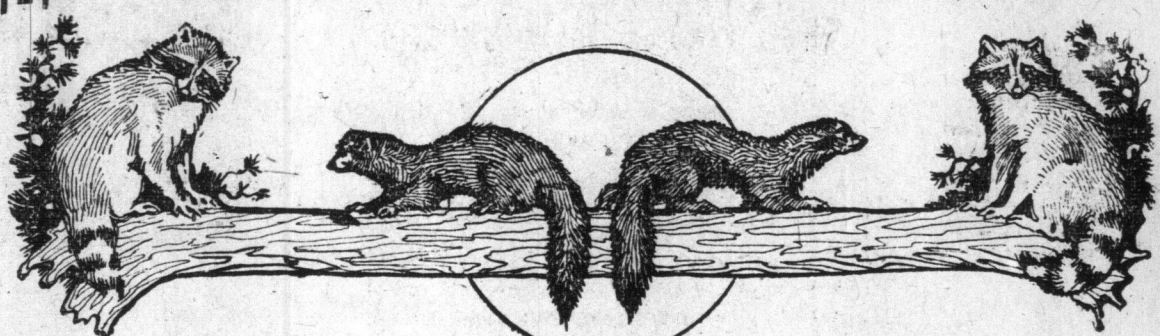
Misconduct of Son.
The executor and others, in defend-
ing the will, relied principally upon
the misconduct of young Beattie, who
for several years had been associating
with a woman, who by several
witnesses swore, was a notorious
bad character. Although he promised
his father several times, to give up
the woman, it came out in testimony,
that the couple occupied seats on the
platform, not far from Major Beattie,
at a meeting in London, addressed
by Sir Sam Hughes, only a few weeks
before the major's death. A number
of witnesses testified that the major
had told them that he would disinherit
his son unless he broke with the wo-
man to whom he objected. The ma-
jor seemed to discuss his family
affairs with nearly everybody in Lon-
don. Bankers, lawyers, license inspec-
tors and detectives, all swore to vari-
ous conversations they had had with
him. Many of them had been asked
to go to the boy and endeavor to get
him to reform.

Boy Used Father's Name.
It also came out in evidence that the
boy had once or twice endorsed his
father's name to a cheque without au-
thority, and had, at several times ap-
propriated to his own use articles be-
longing to the major. Among the latter
was a box of stationery, which the
M.F. gets at every session of parlia-
ment; also a Ross rifle, which had
been presented to the major by the
minister of militia. In spite of these
acts, fondness of Major Beattie for
his son, came to the surface with
every bit of testimony. Several times
he wanted the boy to leave London,
but every time the boy started
to leave, his father refused to
part with him. Only one day or two
before his death, he went to the office
of J. H. A. Beattie to change the will,
but the latter being busy, he came
away without attending to the busi-

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animal style, with head and tail; must
large pillow with head and tails; well
lined, and good bed. Regular
price \$35.00 per set. Special \$17.00

BLACK FOX SETS, stole made from good
quality long, glossy fur; head and tails
at back, and front to cross over shoul-
ders; must large rug style, with heads and
tails to match stole. Regu-
lar value \$85 per set. Special \$67.50

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son. Regular value \$155.00. Special \$79.00

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gerown bed, soft brown silk lining; frilled
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pattern as the principal feature. In
Persian rugs it is formed by gracefully
curving lines and in others is of geo-
metrical design. The arch being a
symbol of the mosque, "at call for
prayer," says Walker A. Hawley, who
has written a book of great interest
to rug collectors which is reviewed by
The Egyptian Gazette, "the faithful
Moslem spreads his rug with arch
directed towards Mecca, and kneeling
with the palms of his hands at each
side of the centre, he bows his head
till it touches the rug." As these are
held sacred by the Mohammedans of
Persia and seldom sold, they can only
be actually distinguished from those
made for trading purposes "by the
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knees of father and son have often
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ing peace, joy, pensiveness, sorrow,
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tached we find, as in all real works
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well as its possessor. With these
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wool of the finest texture and colors,
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tones which only time can produce.
Mr. Hawley gives expression to this
feeling when he says: "There was a
time when the oriental had not learn-
ed the meaning of tempus fugit or seen
the glitter of western gold, when his
dyeing and weaving were proud con-
fessions into which entered his dearest
feelings."

WEST LORNE TAKES HYDRO.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Dec. 20.—The Vil-
lage of West Lorne, voting today on the
introduction of hydro-electric current for
lighting and power, carried the measure
by a majority of 100, there being only 14
votes cast against it and 14 cast in its
favor.

CANADIAN ARTILLERY SUPERIOR TO GERMAN

More Guns and Munitions on the
Way to Front, Writes Lieut.
Brewster Home.

BRANTFORD, Ont., Dec. 20.—Lieut.
S. R. Wallace and T. Bingle, Dufferin
Rifles, have been promoted captains and
will be attached to the 125th Battalion
as second in command of companies.
Lieut. Harold Brewster, son of W. S.
Brewster, thus writes home: "The front
here is very quiet except for heavy
artillery bombardments, in which we
usually hand the wily Hun more than
he sends our way. Our artillery has the
ascendancy both as regards weight of
metal and amount of ammunition. We
fire at least five shells to his one and
have him pretty well under control.
After all the tales of "no shells," the
surprise to me on my first arrival at
the front, was a pleasant one. In the
last two months we have added greatly
to our artillery. There is still more on
the way. Never during the whole course
of the war have I felt so confident of
the outcome as at the present. The end
is a long way off yet, but optimism over-
hides is born of faith in our power to win,
and in the long run the spirit of the
army is bound to tell."
Members of the Six Nations' Women's
Patriotic League, Oshawa, have been
thanked by Queen Mary for their recent
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a letter to the league, which has been
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