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HON. HOWARD FERGUSON VINDICATED.

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 inquiry 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 Farmer's 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."

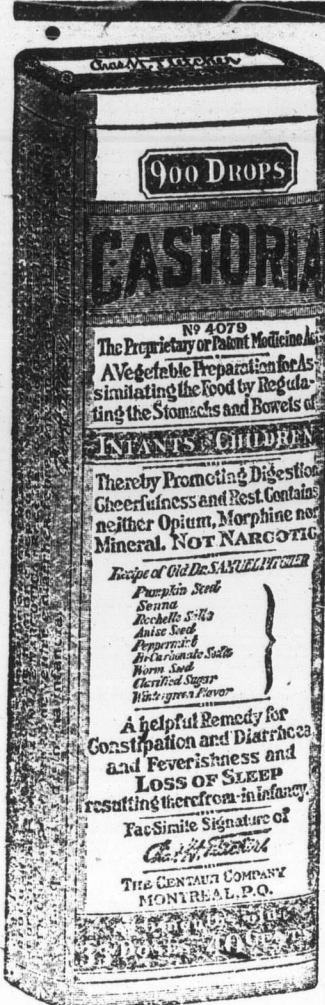
By the appointment of the commission, and the sensational way in which every bit of evidence was presented and commented upon by the commissioners, Mr. Ferguson was unjustly—and one might almost say maliciously—put under suspicion. He bore all the calumny that was levelled against him with the calmness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

Could there be a 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 of 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 the 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 title 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 that 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.—Brampton Conservator.



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THE ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

With polling in Ontario for the election of a new Legislature only two weeks off, it is becoming apparent that there is ground for the feeling among Conservative partisans that, so far, the conditions favor their success and that, if not a majority, they will have such a strong membership in the new Assembly that a government in which they are not represented will not be able to continue. The Liberals throughout the constituencies are nominating candidates; but they are not making many efforts to arouse the enthusiasm of the electorate. The differences that arose between Mr. Drury and Mr. J. J. Morrison may have been healed outwardly; but the old cordiality has not been restored. At a U.F.O. meeting at Guelph, Mr. Morrison did not speak of the Drury Government's record, and he, it is declared, had no word of commendation for Mr. Drury himself. This led the London Advertiser to remark that "there is a growing feeling that Mr. Morrison is not at all concerned with the success or failure of Mr. Drury, and from present appearances Mr. Morrison is so shaping the course of the U.F.O. that he, and not Mr. Drury is going to be in control of the situation as far as that party is concerned." This gives some ground for thinking that the U.F.O. organization is disintegrating, and as it never controlled a majority of the Legislature, the process, if not checked, may end in its collapse as a political force like the Patrons of Industry a quarter of a century ago.

South Augusta

South Augusta, May 30.—Mr. Miller, Lombardy, is visiting at Harry Caldwell's.

William Easton and Master Ralph are visiting friends in Rochester.

Mrs. John Kelly is visiting friends in Brockville.

Mrs. Shevell has returned from spending the past few months with friends in Ottawa.

Mrs. Stanley Haffie and two children left to-day for their home in Lansdowne after spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Towseley.

DELTA

Delta, May 31.—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Russell were in Ottawa attending the graduation of their daughter, Ella, from St. Luke's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Howard and Miss Laura were in Kingston last week attending the graduation of Dr. L. W. Howard.

The Women's Institute was to be addressed by Miss Bryson in the town hall on Tuesday afternoon, June 5. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Patrick Murphy is a patient in a Kingston hospital, having had a cataract removed from his eye.

The members of Delta Lodge, I.O. O.F., and visiting brethren attended divine service in the Baptist church on Sunday last and listened to a fine discourse by the pastor, Rev. H. W. Jackson. The church was well filled, there being about 80 Oddfellows in the parade.

Mrs. John Horton has so improved in health as to be able to go to the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. Chant, to gain her strength before settling in the home of Mrs. Sarah Horton.

S. Seaman and daughter, Mrs. Crawford, Toronto, have come to their cottage on Lower Delta Lake.

The Junior Institute will meet at the home of Miss Nettie Slack on Thursday evening, June 7.

Miss Loretta Phelps, Ottawa Normal school, spent the week-end at her home here.

Mrs. F. S. Lawson and niece, Dorothy Hazelton, spent a few days in Brockville last week.

Misses Carrie and Mabel Hill are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hill.

Lord's Mills

Lord's Mills, May 31.—Miss Eva Topping spent the week-end in Smiths Falls, the guest of her sister.

All are glad to know that Lois White, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at St. Vincent de Paul hospital, Brockville, some time ago, is much improved in health.

The milk truck from Maitland is now making two trips daily.

George Travis had the misfortune to injure his shoulder and is under the doctor's care.

A number from this vicinity attended court of revision at Maitland on Thursday last.

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| Departure | Daily Except Sunday | Arrivals | |
| 7:30 A. M. | | 11:50 A. M. | |
| 3:15 P. M. | | 1:05 P. M. | |
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A WAGON AND A BOY

(By L. Glen Earl)

I bought a wagon for a kid, a "Yellow Demon Flyer," With rubber tires and Disco wheels, to please his young desire; And I figured it would bring me peace, while he would have some fun, But I found my tribulations had only just begun.

A pair of boots that one time lasted almost thirty days Now shows his toes a-peeping through 'most every time he plays. His knees are out his Sunday suit, his coat is just a wreck, But then I'm mighty thankful that he hasn't cracked his neck.

I've had to have the wheels re-tired, the box repainted new, And twice I straightened axles and I think the handle, too. I only paid the dealer-man a five-spot for the toy— And I don't begrudge the fun it brings to any little boy.

BUT I have a sneaking notion that the man whose brilliant mind Invented four-wheeled wagons and other such things of the kind, Has a lot of coin invested in a boot and shoe concern And holds some stock in cloth and wool and wants a big return.

Mother always seems a-darning on all the socks he owns, And I've had to ask the banker to renew the money on the loan; And I'll have to dodge the coal man for another week or so Just to keep a healthy, normal boy and his wagon on the go. But what a sorry life 't would be if wagons, boys and shoes, And horns and dross and other things that little fellows use Were banished from the evening hour, and there would always be a joy in buying things for him to wear.

Bishop's Mills

Bishop's Mills, May 29.—The annual meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. Ferguson on Tuesday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. N. Greer; 1st vice-president, Miss Dora Dool; 2nd vice-president, Miss E. Powell; secretary, Mrs. L. Robinson; treasurer, Mrs. J. Ferguson; district director, Mrs. J. Keegan; press reporter, Mrs. G. Atkinson.

Rev. Mr. Bennett, of the Holiness M. vement church, concluded his pastoral here and moved to South Mountain on Friday last. His successor is Rev. Mr. Tompkins, of Sydenham.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Hare and daughter, Muriel, and Miss H. Hough, of North Augusta, were visitors at John Hare's on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gowers and sons, of Toronto, and E. McCully, of Ogdensburg, were visitors at N. Greer's recently.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Manhard and Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Manhard and daughter Lillian, Ottawa, motored here and were guests at the home of Herbert McLellan, on Saturday last.

Miss Nellie Crozier, J. McLean, of Brockville, Mr. and Mrs. Briggs, of Smith's Falls; Mr. and Mrs. F. Dool, of Kemptonville; and R. Keegan, of Spencerville, motored here, recently and were visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Metcalfe and Mrs. S. Claire, of Kemptonville, were visitors at the Methodist parsonage recently.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Cochrane and daughters, Alice, Ruth and Della, were visitors at Herb Pearson's, Acton's Corner, recently.

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