

FORMER ST. JOHN MAN IN THIS GROUP.



The Drury Cabinet, which has directed the affairs of Ontario since October, 1919. It was organized as the first Farmer-Labor government in Canada. The cabinet then formed has remained unchanged throughout the three and a half years since. From left to right are Hon. Benish Bowman, Minister of Lands and Forests; Hon. W. E. Raney, Attorney-General; Hon. W. R. Rollo, Minister of Labor; Hon. Dougall Carmichael, Minister without portfolio; Hon. Manning Doherty, Minister of Agriculture; Hon. H. C. Nixon, Secretary and Registrar; Hon. E. C. Drury, Premier; Hon. P. H. Grant, Minister of Education; Hon. F. C. Biggs, Minister of Public Works and Highways; Hon. Peter Smith, Treasurer of Ontario; Hon. Harry Mills, Minister of Mines.

BRITISH WOMEN PREFER TO TRAVEL IN SMOKERS

Compartments in Trains Are Crowded While Ordinary Coaches Are Vacant.

London, March 29. — (By mail). — "Perhaps the growing number of women who use smoking carriages in preference to non-smoking will explain why they do it," writes Rowan Glen in The London Daily Express. "It would, I am sure, interest a large number of persons who at the moment are trying to understand what attraction impels a non-smoker into a smoker's seat."

Last week, having just returned from some months on the Continent, where I seldom, if ever, saw a woman in a train smoking compartment, I entered one at Baker street en route for the wild fastnesses of North Bucks. I was early at the station and selected my carriage with due care. It was an empty third-class smoker, save the end of a long train. Next to it was the first of a string of ordinary carriages, and it is a fact that not one of these non-smoking compartments was more than a quarter filled when the time for departure came. Yet in my carriage there were five women, none of whom smoked!

"My journey occupied one hour and a half, during which time the train made several stops. Some of the women travellers disappeared, but others took their places. I was so interested in the thing that at Amsterdam I stepped out to see whether the non-smoking compartments were crowded. Not a bit of it! There was room and to spare in them all. And still the women tugged at the reluctant door of the smoker!"

MUSIC IS DECLARED GREAT ASSISTANCE IN TEACHING OF TYPISTS

American System, Followed in England, Held to Be Best by the Beginners; Smoothness Is an Aid.

London, March 29. — (By Mail). — "How music, reproduced on the gramophone, aids the teaching of typists was shown at a demonstration here recently," reports The London Daily News. "The results of the system, for many years in use in America, are remarkably good."

By the system typists who are beginning to learn are enabled to reach, as was shown, a speed of about thirty words a minute after a fortnight's training—a result very rarely, if at all, obtained by any other method. The only requisite is that the music to which the typing is done, should have a strongly marked rhythm. One letter is typed to each beat in the bar (or two letters if the student is quick) and one beat is occupied by the space between the words. Thus, for a word of three letters, a four-bar rhythm is necessary, the typing being done on the model of 1, 2, 3, space; 1, 2, 3, space, and so on.

The great advantage of this method is that it instils a sense of rhythm into the typist which results in steady, even movements. The great tendency of users of the typewriter is to go very fast, and strike very hard on families words like "of," "the," "in," and this causes the unevenness in the appearance of the typed page, which so often offends the artistic eye. The advantage of typing to music is that it entirely obviates this tendency, to the great improvement of the typescript.

It is, however, more important still that regular easy movements reduce both mental and muscular fatigue, because unnecessary spasmodic movements—which are called in the technical language of the specialist in the study of industrial fatigue as "poorly coordinated"—are, without the student knowing it, eliminated, and the students are thus able to work longer and more quickly without growing tired.

It is not claimed that typing to the sound of a gramophone is any value after the student has passed beyond the stage of training, nor that it should be introduced as an aid to regular work, but its value in the early stages of teaching is undoubted, and it may be predicted with some certainty that it will create something like a revolution.

DESCENDANT OF COLUMBUS IS LAWYER IN ENGLAND

Member of Famous Navigator's Family Is British Subject, Born in Malta.

London, March 31. — (By Mail). — Among those called to the English Bar recently was C. J. Colombos, who, although his name is spelled differently, is a descendant of the famous navigator, Christopher Columbus, according to The London Daily Mail.

Diego Columbus, son of the discoverer of America, was appointed Governor of the Island of Chios, in the Aegean Sea, and the family settled there, adopting in time the Greek method of spelling their name.

The father of Mr. Colombos was actually born in Chios, but he himself was born in Malta, and is a British subject. He is an LL.D. of Paris and Brussels.

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