

RANEY IS AGAIN ON THE DEFENSIVE

Charged With Trying to Direct Conscience of the Judiciary.

CONTROLS ALL WISDOM

Ferguson Says Attorney-General Treats Magistrates as Hirelings.

A report in The World, headed "Raney Orders Probe," was brought to the attention of the legislature yesterday by Conservative Leader Ferguson, who read the report of an interview with the attorney-general and the police magistrate at Dunnville, in which the former said: "Any letter written by me to an official of my department with regard to departmental affairs is a private matter, and any officer who gives out a letter of that kind to the newspapers without authority from the government commits an impropriety."

"This is an entirely new and startling doctrine," said Mr. Ferguson. "The magistrates of this province are a part of the judiciary of the province. Their duty is to exercise their judgment conscientiously and in the best interest of justice and the public welfare. The attorney-general's views apparently are that the wisdom of the province is concentrated in one little head, and that he is the man who must interpret the law and direct the conscience and the judgment of the judicial officers of the province. It will certainly come to the public as a shocking proposition that the independence of the judiciary is to be destroyed, and that magistrates are to be coerced into following the dictates of the attorney-general by threats of dismissal."

"If this state of affairs is to continue, there can be no longer protection for the public against the general of his officials. Moreover, no self-respecting man will assume the position of a magistrate if he is there simply to carry out the views of the attorney-general, and not to make use of his own brains, intelligence and judgment in administering the law."

"Surely," Mr. Ferguson said, "the public will be surprised to learn that the petty judiciary are to be treated hereafter as hirelings of the attorney-general of this province. The government and this house should without delay restore public confidence in our judicial system by repudiating the vicious doctrine and the improper conduct of the attorney-general. Coercion of the judiciary is outrageous violation of the fundamental principles of British justice."

Stands By His Guns.

The attorney-general replied that he considered then and still believed that such letters should be regarded as private.

"There has been no coercion," there has been no suggestion of coercing the judiciary," the attorney-general asserted in regard to Mr. Ferguson's remarks. "There were serious charges of partiality, there were cases standing before Mr. Hastings and representations were made to me that these cases should not proceed before him."

There was no difficulty, for Mr. Hastings had simply to adjourn the court and state he had a communication that made it undesirable to occupy the bench that morning or merely make an announcement at all and adjourn the case, proceeded the attorney-general. If he wished to continue his office he thought his plain duty was to come to Toronto and see the attorney-general and discontinue the case, instead of starting, as the magistrate did from that moment, a political propaganda.

Local Member Speaks. W. Stringer, the U. F. O. member for Haldimand, said some time ago he had heard complaints about liquor coming into Dunnville, but when asked if he could not do something, answered that that was none of his duty and referred to the attorney-general. He had no desire to be mixed up in the matter and kept him-

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SHOWS UTILITY OF REAPER-THRESHER

Freight Cheaper to France Than Winnipeg, Rotary Club Speaker States.

In his address at the weekly Rotary Club luncheon yesterday, Geo. Valentine, assistant general manager of the Massey-Harris Co., outlined the development of modern agricultural implements with special reference to the reaper-thresher, a machine drawn by eight horses that cut and threshed the grain as it proceeded. Only two men were necessary for its operation, and the bagging of the grain at the machine was a great factor in cutting down expenses. However, it could not be used in Canada owing to the moisture in the kernels, when the grain was cut, but it was of inestimable advantage in dry countries.

Mr. Valentine did not believe that as much as a 50 per cent gain could be gained by any other development as that of modern agricultural machinery, stating in support of this that also England in the 17th century was agricultural and had been famine-stricken through lack of efficient means of tillage.

To the late Sir Lyman Jones was to be given the credit for the creation of the binder which later, in Paris, was given a four-days' test and never missed a sheaf.

Mr. Valentine said that the transportation charges were cheaper to France than to Winnipeg, but regarding the selling price of machines in home and foreign markets the president, Thomas Findley, had successfully refuted the statement that machines could be sold cheaper abroad, before the tariff commission at Winnipeg recently. It was true that machines could not be manufactured as cheaply in Canada as in the United States, but this was in a great measure offset by facility of distribution.

Geo. H. Ross, finance commissioner, also spoke. Next Tuesday, Governor Harry Stanton will present Niagara Falls with a Rotary charter at the first club meeting there.

G. R. GRIFFIN ASSUMES IMPORTANT NEW POST

He Becomes General Manager of Mortgage Discount and Finance, Limited.

George R. Griffin, one of the outstanding financial men of Toronto, was made general manager of the Mortgage Discount and Finance, Limited, 61 East Adelaide street, of which the R. T. Scott Company, Limited, are the fiscal agents, at a meeting of the directors, over which Sir John Willson, the president, presided.

Mr. Griffin, who was born in Belleville, Ont., has acted in an advisory capacity for some of the largest commercial and financial organizations in the city. For many years he conducted business from his office at 157 Bay street. He has acted as valuator and real estate expert for Toronto banks, legal firms and large corporations.

WIDOW'S LIFE INTEREST IN HUSBAND'S ESTATE

Charles S. Macdonald and Laura Augusta Fawcett have been granted probate of the will of Robert Smith Baird, an insurance agent, who died in Toronto, Jan. 28, leaving \$10 in personal effects; \$509 cash; \$1,622 due on an annuity; 60 shares Canadian Locomotive, valued at \$5,440; 70 Mackay, \$320; 100 Brazilian, \$3,375; 50 Maple Leaf Milling Co., \$4,750; and 30 Canada Steamships, \$2,160. He left his watch and chain to his grand-nephew, Andrew Murray, Leiston, Man., and a life interest in the residue to his widow, Mrs. Hester Baird. On the death of Mrs. Baird, Miss Laura A. Fawcett is to receive the house and contents and \$1,000; the Working Boys' Home, Children's Aid Society and the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund of the Presbyterian Church each \$500. The remainder is to be divided among eighteen nephews and nieces.

Five Hundred Farm Hands Leave England for Ontario

H. A. Macdonnell, commissioner of colonization for Ontario, yesterday stated that the 500 immigrants who sailed by the Empress of France yesterday morning were experienced in farm work and were picked by Dr. Creelman, agent-general in London, England. They will be distributed throughout the farmers of Ontario on their arrival. Mr. Macdonnell stated further that there was a big demand for farm help of all kinds.

Investigate Labor Temple Payment to Mrs. Simpson

Master in Chambers Cameron yesterday directed that there must be a trial of the issue to determine whether the \$600 paid by the Labor Temple, Limited, to Mrs. Simpson in recognition of the services of James Simpson as secretary of the temple could be attached by W. J. Hevea as a judgment creditor of Simpson. Counsel for the defence maintained that the money could not be attached as it was in the nature of a gratuity and the services of Simpson as secretary were given without salary.

HISLOP AT MASSEY HALL

Joseph Hislop, the Scottish tenor with the Chicago Opera Company, will delight musical Toronto by his recital at Massey Hall on Wednesday night next, just as he has pleased English, French and Italian audiences.

PRISONER GIVEN CHANCE

Judge Coatsworth yesterday gave Abe Ballets another chance when he acquitted him of the theft of an automobile. He is to report to Rev. R. Taylor once a week. "I will reward him if he commits the least misdemeanor," stated Mr. Taylor.

ALD. MAXWELL BETTER

Ald. Maxwell of ward eight, who has been ill for some weeks, is rapidly recovering and expects to be out again in a few days.

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THREE-YEAR TERMS FOR FOUR SHOPBREAKERS

Judge Coatsworth yesterday gave three-year sentences in Kingston penitentiary to William Marks, George Clemence, George Reeves and Joe Miller for shopbreaking.

Miller was the man who stated in the box that he had been used by the police as a stool pigeon. Detective W. McConnell in the box yesterday stated that Miller had come to him saying he had some information for the police.

"I investigated his information," said the detective. "But it did not amount to anything. He said he had had nothing to eat and I gave him half a dollar to get a meal."

Adolescent Measure Will Bring Out Talent of Youth

The terms of and the benefits to be derived from the adolescent act were discussed at a largely-attended meeting of school inspectors and principals, held yesterday in the board of education building. Inspector Cowley said the provisions of the act would be of benefit to those children who were not receiving education in the ordinary way. Dr. Merchant said that the act would be of unestimable benefit in bringing out the talent of the youth, which would prove a valuable asset to the province. He pointed out that children who remained in school until they reached sixteen years of age would be free of the operation of the act.

Province Must Pay \$25,000 To Cobourg Road Company

At Osgoode Hall yesterday the appellate division decided that the government must pay up to \$25,000 to the Cobourg and Grafton Road Co. for its road taken over by the government in 1919. Originally the department of public highways offered \$7,400, which the Ontario Railway Board increased, on appeal, to \$15,284.

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SPAHLINGER SERUM RIGHTS NOT BOUGHT

The British government has not purchased the British rights for the reputed Spahlinger cure for tuberculosis, and has established no evidence of its scientific value, according to a cable received yesterday by Dr. George Porter secretary of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis from the National Research Council of the British government. Recently cabled reports intimated that some such arrangement had been made by the British government regarding this treatment, and Dr. Porter and his Canadian association have had innumerable enquiries from Canadians about it.

Ford advertisement featuring a large illustration of a Ford touring car and a list of models and prices: Touring Car \$675, Runabout \$610, Coupe \$1,100, Sedan \$1,200, Chassis \$550, Tr + Chassis \$750. Also mentions 'Starter and Electric Lighting \$100 extra' and 'Prices are f.o.b. Ford, Ontario'.

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