

# LOCAL NEWS

ATHENS AND VICINITY

### Notice to Subscribers

All unpaid subscriptions to The Athens Reporter are due and payable to the present owner, Mr. H. E. Bywater.

All outstanding accounts for Job Printing done up to August 1st, are due and payable W. H. Morris, Box 220, Athens.

Ice Cream, Confectionery and fruits at Maud Addisons.

Recent guests at The Parsonage were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Newton and little daughter, Helen, of Cornwall.

The merchants of Athens have decided to observe Wednesday as a half holiday during, June, July and August.

Owing to the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. A. Chapman, of Ottawa, Mrs. F. Sheldon left for the Capital City last week.

Mrs. (Dr.) H. Garner Wright (nee Betty F. Rowsome), and little daughter, Betty Agnes, of Seattle, Wash., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rowsome.

The names of the High School students in connection with their recent examinations appear in "The Reporter" this week. The school closed on Friday, June 8th, for the mid-summer vacation.

Mrs. Newton, Mrs. W. W. Cross, Miss Myrtle Coon, Miss Klyne, Miss Myrtle Taber, Mrs. Wm. S. Towriss and Mrs. Benj. Brown are all attending the W.M.S. convention at Smiths Falls this week.

Two distinguished missionaries from West China spent a few days in town last week, the guests of Miss A. Hunt, Victoria street. They are now on furlough and expect to return to the mission field again when their vacation period expires.

The Holiness Movement Church, who have secured the services of Miss Reynolds (a returned missionary) as pastor of the church, speak in the highest terms of her qualifications and ability to preach the gospel. She has taken up her residence in the parsonage on Reid street.

A largely attended meeting was held on Saturday evening at Frankville in the interests of Dr. H. A. Clark, Conservative candidate in Brockville riding, at which addresses were delivered on the political issues by Hon. John Webster, Dr. Clark, George W. Warwick and H. A. Stewart, K.C., M.P.

At the recent conference held in Brockville the following changes affect the circuits of the Brockville District. Rev. W. T. Keough is transferred from Elgin to Delta; Rev. A. E. Sanderson becomes pastor at Elgin, and Rev. Fred Horton goes to Westport. Rev. S. F. Newton has been returned to Athens for a fourth year.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kinch, Newbliss, when their second eldest daughter, Laura Floretta, was united in marriage to William Roy Pryce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pryce, Newbliss, by the Rev. F. G. Strange. They were attended by the bride's sister, Miss Marion Kinch, and by Cecil Pryce, cousin of the groom.

Mr. G. A. Scott held a successful sale of his household furniture on Tuesday and on Wednesday the family left for Syracuse, N.Y., where they will reside for the future. The change was brought about solely on account of Mr. Scott's precarious health. Owing to his crippled condition he found it impossible to carry on his business, and he and his family have the sympathy and best wishes of the entire community.

During the past few years good work has been done in Athens by a number of citizens in beautifying their homes with lawns. This is something that should be encouraged, but it is surprising the number of people who thoughtlessly make a pathway across people's lawns and boulevards. In the past, crossing a lawn within the sidewalk anyone so doing is liable to be arrested and the court is on a charge of trespassing, and it is unnecessary there is a by-law to prevent crossing lawns.

It is pleased to note that Miss Helen V. H. Kitchin, a former resident of Athens and graduate of Athens High School, who has just received her B.A. degree from Toronto University, brings with the distinction of being the first woman in the class from Victoria College, as well as being the first woman to receive the Governor General's gold medal. We are glad to see her in Athens. Her husband is now in the U.S. Army. Her father, Mr. J. H. Kitchin, is now in the U.S. Army.

NOTICE—No copy for "The Reporter" will be accepted later than Wednesday (noon)

Ice Cream Supper and Social will be held at the School House, Oak Leaf, on Wednesday, July 4th at 7 p.m., under the auspices of Trinity Church. Admission—Adults 35c.

The Annual Convention of the Ontario Religious Educational Council of South Leeds, will be held at Athens on Thursday, June 23rd—afternoon session in the Baptist Church and evening session in the Methodist Church. Supper will be served in the Basement of the Methodist church to those coming from outside points. Mr. W. P. Fletcher, rural field worker of the O.R.E.C., will address both sessions. Afternoon Subject—"Sowing at Our Best." Evening subject—"They Shall Not Pass." This convention is for all Protestant denominations. Everybody welcome.

### Van Allen's Corners

Van Allen's Corner, June 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Porter and son, Bertie, motored from Ottawa on Sunday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Selleck and family spent Sunday at Paterson's Corners with Mr. and Mrs. H. Tooley.

Miss Mildred Brown, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cook, of Spencerville and Kenneth Thorpe, of Hurlburt, motored to Ottawa on Thursday and spent the day with the former's brothers, Jack and Andrew Brown.

Ed. Torrance, of Heckston, spent several days with his sister, Mrs. S. Brown.

Miss Ruby Selleck, of Ottawa, spent the week-end at her home here.

Mrs. Gamble and son, Eddie, of Shantley, were recent guests of Mrs. W. Gamble.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crawford and daughter, Muriel, have returned to their home in Toronto after spending the past week with the former's father, James Crawford.

Miss Maudie Field, of Humberstone, and Mrs. C. Hurlburt, of Kemptville, were recent guests of Mrs. Harold Selleck.

Misses Irene McCaughey, of Oshawa, and Gladys McCaughey, of Kemptville, spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Minnie McNilage spent Sunday at Heckston with Miss Mayme Shaver.

Mr. D. Gray, of Ventnor, was a recent guest of friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. McPadden, of Hyndman, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Selleck.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brown, of Ventnor, were recent guests of Mr. Alex Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. MacNilage spent Saturday evening with Kemptville friends.

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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 benefitted 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.

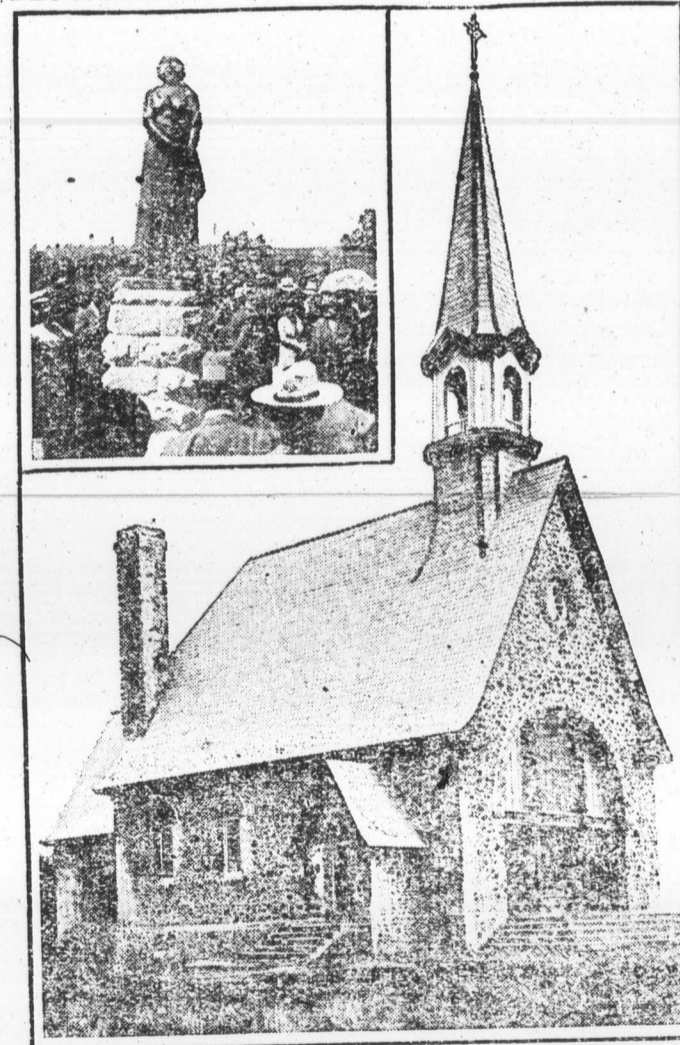
What must be the effect on public opinion? Surely it cannot be otherwise than this man so unjustly accused, meeting his accusers and their charges with manly courage so admirable, is a fit and proper person to be entrusted with the administration of the affairs of the Province as its Prime Minister.—Brampton Conservator.

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### Acadians to Visit Grand Pre



Grand Pre Memorial Chapel and, inset, the Statue of Evangeline. THE "Land of Evangeline" will become the scene of another celebration on August 9th. At a meeting of the Grand Pre Memorial Committee recently held at Moncton, arrangements were made for an excursion to Grand Pre on that day. Special trains will carry people from all points in Nova Scotia to the little town from whence the long suffering Acadians were deported by the English in 1755, and it is anticipated that people will join the excursionists from all parts of the Dominion and the United States.

One of the features of the day's programme will be the unveiling, in the Memorial Chapel, of a statue of the Madonna, which will be erected in recognition of the noble work accomplished by the Acadian National Society. The patron saint of the Madonna being the patron saint of this society. The statue, which is 7 1/2 feet high, rests on a six foot base, has great beauty of design, and is deemed to be the finest of its kind on the American Continent.

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### North Augusta Wedding

A quiet wedding was solemnized at 12 o'clock noon, June 2, at the Methodist parsonage, of Miss Minerva Maud Dulmage, eldest daughter of Walter Dulmage, and William Lorne Durant, son of Charles Durant, of Augusta. The Rev. Fred Horton performed the ceremony. The bride, who was attended by her brother, Arthur, was becomingly attired in navy blue silk with hat to match. The bridesmaid was Miss Irene Robinson, cousin of the bride. The groomsmen were the recipient of a gold tie pin, and the bridesmaid of a gold brooch. After the ceremony a dinner was served at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Alex. Robinson. The happy couple left on the p.m. train for Ottawa for a short honeymoon. We extend a wish to Mr. and Mrs. Durant for a long and happy life.