

**Will Elect Elders
By Secret Ballot**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH REACHES UNANIMOUS DECISION IN MATTER

TORONTO, June 8.—(CP)—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada unanimously decided Saturday that in future election of elders will be made by secret ballot, replacing the present method of open election.

Rev. T. Wardlaw Taylor, Goderich, Judge J. W. S. Stanbury, St. Catharines, F. S. McDiarmid, Ottawa and Judge J. Farrell of Regina, will comprise a committee to draft a plan for operation of the secret ballot.

The Assembly decided to ask the federal Government to allow some exemption to Presbyterian clergymen in connection with automobile taxation.

"A number of our ministers absolutely have to use cars to cover their miles on Sunday," Rev. Frank Baird, of Chipman, N.B., said. He said the problem is a heavy one for clergymen.

The Moderator, Rev. J. B. Skene said: "We deny that we are employees of congregations. I say that I am an employee of the Presbyterian Church of Canada but I can never get a member of the Government to understand the fundamental theory of Presbyterianism."

Rev. L. H. Towler of Renfrew said he opposed ministers being permitted to change churches after only a few months' service in a charge. "Some move about so frequently that they are ecclesiastical tramps."

A motion to consider the application of W. Stanford Reid of Montreal as a licentiate was referred back to the board of education. The application came before the last Assembly and the Presbyterian board of education recommended the application be granted on certain conditions.

Recommendations were passed proposing establishment of family altars in the homes and the memorialization of the scriptures and the shorter catechism by members and adherents of the Church; and another asking families be urged to their incomes and give a tenth to church work.

**Frank L. Dyer
Edison Aid And
Attorney, Dies**

INVENTOR OF TALKING BOOK FOR BLIND PASSES AT 70; WAS PATENT LAW EXPERT

VENTNOR, N. J., June 4.—Frank Lewis Dyer, inventor of the talking book for the blind and once legal and business associate of the late Thomas A. Edison, died today after an illness of three weeks at his home, 223 North Swarthmore Avenue, Ventnor. He was seventy years old.

A patent attorney and a mechanical and electrical expert, Mr. Dyer's association with Mr. Edison grew out of Mr. Dyer's father's connection, as a patent lawyer, with the inventor. In 1903 Mr. Dyer terminated a partnership with his brother Richard N. Dyer, in patent law, to move to South Orange at the suggestion of Mr. Edison. He took charge of the legal interests of the inventor and later was active in the commercial administration of the Edison properties.

Born in Washington on Aug. 2, 1870, Mr. Dyer studied law at Columbian University Law School (now George Washington University). He was admitted to the bar in 1892 and practiced patent law until Mr. Edison requested his services. Mr. Edison, who had a marked distaste for business affairs, soon placed his business management in the hands of Mr. Dyer, who served as president of the National Phonograph Company, the Edison Business Phonograph Company and the Edison Manufacturing Company; vice-president of the Edison Manufacturing Company and the Edison Storage Battery Company, and general manager of the Edison Phonograph Works. At the same time Mr. Dyer supervised legal matters for the Edison companies.

Mr. Dyer was one of the organizers of the General Film Company and in 1912 resigned his positions with the Edison companies to become president of the former company a distributor of motion pictures. He retained the post until 1914 when he began practice in New York City as a mechanical and electrical expert.

From 1910 to 1920 Mr. Dyer was treasurer of the Condensite Company of America, manufacturers of insulation, which later was sold to the Bakelite Company. He retired in 1929.

Among the more than 100 patents he took out was the talking book for the blind, a record capable of producing 30,000 words continuously on a special phonograph, playing for two and a half hours. Other inventions included a round bale cotton press and an electric steering gear. He was a pioneer in the development of liquid air and was co-inventor of porous concrete. Mr. Dyer was co-author, with T. Commerford Martin of a two-volume life of Edison, titled, "Edison—His Life and Inventions."

He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Geographical Society, the Patent Law Association of Washington; the Institute of Patent Agents of London; the Engineers' Club, the Rockefeller Center Lunch Club, the Congressional Country Club, of Washington, and the Sea View Golf Club of Absecon, N. J.

Surviving are his third wife, Mrs. Eliza Martin Dyer, whom he married in 1939, and two sons, John Wadsworth Dyer, of South Orange, N. J., and Frank Wadsworth Dyer, of Montclair, N. J. (Mr. Dyer spent several summers on P. E. Island and always looked forward to his vacation here with his wife, the former Miss Lydia MacEachern, a P. E. Islander by birth).

GOT BABY OUT ALIVE
LONDON—(CP)—Wriggling through a small window into debris of a bombed building three men brought out an uninjured baby that had been trapped in the basement.

TOO WEARY FOR PAIN
LONDON—(CP)—Surgery unparalleled in history without anaesthetics has been performed on soldiers so tired they slept through major operations a London meeting was held by a prominent surgeon.



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