



## HON. RAYMOND DUCHARME MORAND

HE IS one of those who have a passport for posterity. If his family name had not been written in the annals of history by five generations of stalwarts, he would have made a niche for it. He has no need of borrowing from the past; he has an inalienable right to carry his head above his shoulders by virtue of his own personal merit and achievement.

The first Morand to come to these parts was Charles Morand, dit Grimard, a native of France. He was not an adventurer, but he loved adventures. For him the colony of New France was a land of romance; and he left "sa douce patrie" for the wilds of Canada. When he arrived at Montreal (Ville-Marie then) Cadillac was at the height of his fame, and he

paddled his way behind the Founder of Detroit. He arrived at "Le Detroit" in 1703. Charles Morand gave to St. Anne Cemetery, in Detroit, his ashes, and to posterity a good name.

Hon. R. D. Morand's parents are Moise Morand and Virginie Ducharme, the latter a descendant of an old Quebec French family that has had branches in Essex County for more than three generations. He was born in the Township of Sandwich South, January 30, 1887. The 100 year-old log house in which he first saw the light of day is still standing (1927), 2½ miles from Public School No. 6, where the future Physician, M. P., and Cabinet Minister received his primary education.

From the public school, Mr. Morand passed

to the Windsor Collegiate, but left before securing matriculation for entrance to University. He had, however, set his mind upon a profession—Medicine. But before he could bring his youthful dream to realization, he had to pass through several years of hard extra mural work. He was successively farmer, banker and insurance agent. During that period (1901 to 1908) he determinedly stayed with his books, securing his Matriculation Certificate, and gaining his entrance into Western University in 1908. He obtained his M. D. degree in 1912, and after a year's Internship at St. Joseph's Hospital, in London, Ont., he began his practice in the City of Windsor, in 1913.

He soon rose to prominence in his profession, and was successively President of the Board of Health of the Border Cities, President of Essex County Medical Association, and President of Hotel Dieu Staff. He is now a member of Hotel Dieu Staff, and Consultant at Grace Hospital.

Dr. Morand has shown, in his activities, a public-spiritedness that placed him in the lime-light early in life. He was for five successive years elected by acclamation in Riverside as Member of the Border Utilities Commission. His services on that important body have been highly commended. He has displayed a breadth of vision and a spirit of progressiveness that are expressed in several improvements of a permanent character in the Border Cities.

In politics, Dr. Morand is a Conservative, and an active one. President of the Conservative Association for North Essex for six years (1917 to 1923), much of the success achieved by that party is traceable to his untiring efforts and activity. His personal success in the general elections of 1925 is undoubtedly his outstanding achievement as a public man. Candidate for his party in that election he won a battle that was generally conceded as hopeless. He was the first representative in the House of Commons for the constituency of Essex East, being elected over Edmond G. Odette, Liberal, by a comfortable margin.

After serving a term as Member of Parliament, his leader, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, following the defeat of the King Ministry in the House of Commons, was called upon to form a government, and Dr. Morand was included in the new cabinet. To Dr. Morand, therefore, goes the honour of having been the first French-Canadian from Ontario to have ever been selected for a position in a federal cabinet. He was however defeated in the general landslide that swept the Conservative Party out of power in the elections of 1926.

From junior clerk in a bank to minister in the government of his country is no mean achievement. Yet Dr. Morand is only in mid-stream. He is but forty years of age. He has ability, courage, a solid grasp of public affairs, political sagacity . . . and many friends. Whether, with so many personal endowments and advantages, he can be kept out of public life is difficult to believe. Moreover, Dr. Morand is a capable speaker, in both English and French . . . another qualification that leads to public life. He speaks with vigour and conviction. He has elegance in the mien, health and strength in the body, sincerity in the heart, and stores of practical knowledge in the brain. If the chances of the political game are not too strongly against him, he should reappear on the scene in a very few years.

Hon. Dr. Morand is married and lives at 1032 Ouellette Avenue, in the City of Windsor. Mrs. Morand was formerly Miss Blanche Moore, whose parents—John S. Moore and Lillian Charlotte Cookes—are descendants of an old English Catholic family of pre-Reformation days. Mr. and Mrs. Morand were married June 23, 1913. There are three children: Doris Marie, Donald Raymond, and Eleonore Virginie, all at home.

Dr. Morand's club affiliations are with the St. Clair Golf and Country Club, of which he was one of the founders, and the Windsor Club. He was also one of the founders of LaSalle Club, and was President of that club in 1925. His recreations are Golfing and Motoring.