

NADA'S SENIOR CAVALRY OFFICER

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Winnipeg, April 10.—A despatch Kingston, Ont., says that Lieut. Victor Williams, formerly of Winnipeg, and now chief-staff officer eastern Ontario command, will be in command of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, in succession to Col. Ward, a post that will make him the colonel's many friends in western Canada, who have watched with affection his steady advancement in the Canadian military service, will find new pleasure in this latest promotion.

Son of Victoria of 1885. Williams comes of military family, and is a son of the late Lieut. Williams, of Port Hope, who commanded the well known Midland division in the 1885 rebellion. He born in Port Hope, Ont., in 1864, is therefore in his forty-third year.

His military education was at the Royal Military College, Kingston, and he is an ex-cadet of that institution. Colonel Williams served with the North-West Mounted Police for years at Regina, Maple Creek, and other places, and other places. Years of this time was spent at his outposts. He exchanged in the Royal Canadian Dragoons in 1892 and went to England, where he was the first Canadian cavalry officer to attend Aldershot. He there served the 5th Dragoon Guards and the necessary examinations for promotion to the rank of major.

Staff Officer. Williams was promoted to Canada he was promoted to captain in 1893 and commander of a squadron in Toronto for a year. He then returned to Winnipeg as adjutant for three years with the 1st Dragoon Guards. He then became attached to the staff of the military districts Nos. 3 and 4, headquarters at Kingston.

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KING LEOPOLD VETOED BILL. Concerning Mill Workingmen's Hours and Difficulty Results.

Brussels, April 14.—King Leopold's unopposed action in withdrawing by royal decree the government bill concerning the hours of working in the mills, has aroused the greatest indignation in all parts. The situation is aggravated by the fact that the bill was counter-signed by ministers who had formerly resigned and therefore possessed no authority before parliament. The government under the law is entitled to withdraw a bill presented in both houses until the senate adopts it. But in not announcing the decree until after its resignation and when it had been demonstrated it had only thirty-two supporters, it is considered as being guilty of political sharp practices. The situation is very grave and dissolution of parliament appears to be inevitable.

DIYMENT'S WILL PROBATED. Barrie, Ont., April 15.—The late Mr. Dymment's will was filed for probate Saturday, the estate is valued at \$1,500,000. A nephew, John, gets five thousand. A hundred thousand dollars, homestead and effects, go to the widow. The residue is divided into three equal parts, to Lemmon, Albert E. and two daughters, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Wilmer, of London.

ONE HUNDRED NEW TOWNS

On the Line of G.T.P.R. Between Winnipeg and Edmonton—Hotel at Prince Rupert.

Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co., London, Eng., have offered £1,000,000 4 per cent. G.T.P.R. debenture stock at par, the proceeds of which is to be devoted to the purchase of rolling stock for the equipment of the line. The stock, which is part of an authorized issue of £3,000,000, is redeemable at 105, Mar. 1, 1936, or thereafter on one year's notice. It ranks next after the first mortgage bonds and certain other securities, and is guaranteed by the G.T.R. out of the net earnings after deducting its own fixed charges. Press reports state that only 70 per cent. of the issue has been applied for.

Arrangements have been concluded between the G.T.P.R. and Port Arthur Council for an entrance into that town. The company's terminals are to be at Bare point, and it will use, jointly with the Canadian Northern Ry., the eastern tracks leading to the terminals. The companies will probably use a joint station.

Maps of the route between Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie show that the line will cross the C.P.R. near Darwin, proceeding through the property purchased by the company out of the city, then going northerly, passing the city about three-quarters of a mile north of the C.P.R. shops, and continuing almost a straight line to Portage la Prairie. In connection with the construction work, it is stated that over 100 towns will be founded during the year between Winnipeg and Edmonton.

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In the Matter of Sunday Observance Act. An old Country Letter.

Few people outside of the transportation companies have any conception of the enormous movement of emigration to Canada which is now under way. A representative of the Canadian department of the interior has been "stamping the country" and telling the people that any able-bodied man can get work in Canada, and arrangements are made whereby he can get very cheap transportation and will be loaned the price, to be repaid in instalments when he gets out there.

The second party of emigrants, numbering about 800, in connection with the Salvation Army's organized scheme will probably be in Canada by this time. There were notable scenes when they were leaving for Liverpool. A large gathering of the friends of the new home seekers was there to bid them adieu, and services were held in the board room. Cheers were raised as the train pulled out. The emigrants embarked on the steamer Vancouver, the boat having been especially chartered by the army. Colonel Arthur Bates, the army's auditor-general, went in charge of the party.

Sunday Observance. It really does look as though the mother were learning from her son. The indications are that Canada's example will be followed by the United Kingdom and Sunday observance will shortly be recognized as a national question. In response to the appeal for greater recognition of the Lord's Day, sent out by the Archbishop of Canterbury and representatives of the various Christian bodies in England, gratifying and encouraging letters have been received from all parts of the world.

The movement has gripped the middle and lower classes particularly, for it opens up to many of them the prospect of one day's rest in seven. It is to be pushed forward vigorously until due recognition is given the matter as in Canada. In a memorial representing the views of ten thousand men of the mercantile marine, it is pointed out that some owners may demand that cargoes shall be loaded or unloaded on Sundays, a practice which they describe as "cruel and needless." The policemen of London point out that they only get one Sunday and week day free in the month. Reading is the only borough in England which allows its policemen one day's rest in seven. It is noteworthy that the movement in this country, as in Canada and France, is not of religious but of commercial character. It is felt that the best is not to be got out of man or horse not given at least four days of rest a month.

Visiting Princes. Canada will have a visit from a couple of the little princes before long. Two sons of the Prince of Wales will have a world-tour on one of His Majesty's ships. Prince Edward of York and Prince Albert will be the favored ones. This is following the precedent of the tour which was undertaken by the late Prince Albert Victor, now Prince of Wales, on the H.M.S. Beaufort. Prince Albert is destined for the navy and Prince Edward for the army. The settled career of the first has been public knowledge for some time. That Prince Edward was to be a soldier-prince was expected, but it could not until now be definitely announced. Prince Albert is eleven years old. He will follow in his father's footsteps in finding his vocation in the first line of defence. On their return from the trip around the world Prince Edward will leave the navy and join the army. It is said of the King. Here again is precedent, for the late Prince Albert Victor followed the course now set for Prince Edward.

Old-age Pensions. Old-age pensions are in the air just now. Canada has it and now it looks as though it would be dealt with by the British House of Commons. Dr. McNamara, Parliamentary Secretary to the local Government Board, told a meeting at Chelmsford, held under the auspices of the Home Counties Liberal Federation, that the Government would be disappointed if the present Parliament ceased without beginning being made with the question of old-age pensions. He said that no government in modern times had come in for such a hopeless legacy as the Liberal Government came into. By their social legislation the Government had really brought about a great revolution.

Ponoka Roman Catholics will commence building operations at once on a new church.

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Will Be No Strike On Lakes. Associated Press Despatch. Cleveland, Ohio, April 15.—The threatened strike of cooks and stewards on the lakes was settled today. After demanding a flat 25 per cent. increase in wages, the union committee today signed the scale proposed by the Lake Carriers' associations.