

COLONEL BROWN BACK FROM THE FRONT.

Pays Short Visit to His Father at Dunboyne and Relatives and Friends Here.

Expects to Train Troops in Canada For a Few Months.

Although it was known that Lieut. Colonel Walter J. Brown, commander of the 4th Brigade, C.F.A., had arrived in Canada from the front a few days previous, yet it was a surprise to everybody when the Colonel arrived unannounced last Thursday at noon on the G.T.R. He had sent no word that he would be in Aylmer, as it was his wish that no demonstration should be given, as he is still on active service, and took advantage of a few days' leave of absence to run up and see his relatives and old friends here.

Had the good people of Aylmer and surrounding district known that the Colonel was to visit Aylmer on any specified occasion the town would not have held the people for they would have turned out en masse to welcome him home. They had been waiting for this occasion, and many were greatly disappointed.

Colonel Brown enlisted at the outbreak of the war, and trained and took across one of the first artillery brigades to leave Canada.

After arriving in England, they went to France ahead of many other brigades because they were ready first, and have been in almost constant action for more than fifteen months.

In spite of the continuous strain upon Colonel Brown in his responsible commission, to use his own words, he "looks and is feeling fit." He reports all the Aylmer boys with his battery being well and doing good work.

A short sketch of Colonel Brown's military experience in the Canadian Militia has been previously given in these columns, and together with his wonderful experience in this great and scientific war, has thoroughly qualified him to take the responsible charge of training Canadian batteries for active service overseas, which work he expects will be given to his command.

He expects to return to the front some time in October.

GLOVER'S HARDWARE HAS CLOSE CALL.

About \$8,000 Damage Result of Early Morning Blaze.—Fire Discovered by Bakers.

Thought to be Caused by Spontaneous Combustion.—Business Block has Narrow Escape

Shortly before five o'clock on Tuesday morning fire was discovered in the rear of J. H. Glover's hardware store by Messrs. Eastbury and Millard, bakers for T. H. Willoughby, who were getting out their morning batch of bread. They quickly put in an alarm, and the firemen soon had a couple of streams of water playing on the blaze, and in fifteen minutes had the flames under control.

Much damage, however, was done the big stock of hardware, and the walls and partitions at the rear were badly burned. Much stock is practically ruined by the torrents of water poured into the building from the two streams, and the heat was so intense that much glass was broken from one end of the store to the other.

Everything is badly smoked and discolored, and the loss is estimated, we believe, at around \$8,000.

The fire is thought to have started from spontaneous combustion among some oily waste in the tin shop at the back of the store. The tin shop is partitioned off, and large quantities of stock was also stored at the back. This is practically ruined.

Had the fire not been discovered just when it was, the chances are nothing could have saved the store, and perhaps the whole block. The intense heat of the past six weeks has made everything as dry as tinder, and at the back of the building across the alley are several barns, which would soon have been licked up had the flames not been kept under control.

It is fortunate that no fire got into the oil house, which is just west of the main building, and the taps from which come through the wall. Some heavy iron was hanging on the west wall, and this fell down. It is lucky this did not fall on the taps and break them off.

The fire alarm brought out many citizens, and the fire department did excellent work.

Mr. John Strachan, who occupies the flat above the store, suffered considerable damage to his household effects from smoke.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT AT LAKEVIEW.

Peter McLelland Injured When the Whiffletree Broke.

Other Lakeview News.

Principal McNeil, of Woodstock, preached here on Sunday. A good audience was present in spite of the intense heat.

Mrs. Kate Hollywood, of Los Angeles, Cal., arrived at her sister's, Mrs. Tom White, last week, in Sparta. Mr. Syd. McDermid and family motored to Sparta on Sunday to visit his aunts.

Mrs. Fred McConnell, of Toronto, and Miss Foster, of Aylmer, are the guests of Mrs. George McConnell. Mrs. Bogle, of Hagersville, is the guest of Mrs. A. Saxon.

Miss M. Ruby, of Berlin, is visiting Miss B. McDermid.

Miss Lulu Wismer, of Essex, is the guest of Miss Leila Woodworth.

Mrs. Norman McConnell, of Toronto, is the guest of her sisters, Mrs. Cohoon and Mrs. F. Saxon.

Miss Dorothy Foster, of Clear Creek, is visiting her uncle, Mr. Ed. Parks.

Mr. Curtis is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. James Brackenbury.

Mr. John Brackenbury and Miss Piper, of Salford, were married last week.

Mr. Peter McLelland met with a very painful accident last week. When drawing a large load of wheat the whiffletree broke, and Mr. McLelland was drawn off the load, alighting on his head and face, breaking his nose, cutting open his lip, injuring his arm, skinning his face, and curving his spine. In spite of these severe injuries, Mr. McLelland is recovering after several daily visits from his doctor, who has straightened him up and sewed him up generally and most successfully.

BASEBALL.

Married Men Too Many for the Bachelors.

On Monday evening two teams, comprising the Single and Married Men of the Shoe Factory, played a two-innings game, the Married Men being the victors by 6-2. On account of the short evening and delay in starting, only two innings were played.

The Married Men were the first up and soon made connections with Bottrell's speedy ones, ending their half of the innings with 5 runs chalked up. The Single Men, for some reason or other, failed to get any safe hits off Pascoe, and were easily fanned or thrown out at first. They, however, ended their half by getting two runs. In the second innings the Married Men scored again, thus making 6 runs. The Single Men started off with a rush, hitting Pascoe all over the lot. When the game was called on account of darkness, the Single Men had three men on bases, and stood a good chance of tying the game, their heavy hitter, Bill McKnight, being up, determined to do or die. They obtained two runs in the innings, but owing to the curtailed innings, the score remained 6-2.

The Single Men are confident that in the next game (which will be played this week) they can oust the "Happy Ones" easily.

Following were the players:
Married—Dunning, Macklin, Avison, Pascoe, Alger, West, Finch, Cowling, Swackhammer.

Singles—L. Sears, H. Sears, McKnight, Bottrell, B. Grogan, McPherson, T. Grogan, Scotty, Clement.

PORT BURWELL AGAIN WINS.

The return match between Port Burwell and Aylmer was played on Saturday afternoon at the High School Grounds, and resulted in Port Burwell again proving victorious over the Aylmer aggregation. It was the first game played this season in Aylmer, and a good crowd was in attendance.

Port Burwell being the first to bat did some good hitting, but were retired easily, only obtaining one run. The Aylmer nine were readily thrown out at first, and did not score. During the succeeding innings, Port Burwell managed to squeeze in four more runs through bad errors on the part of Aylmer's infield. In the last of the seventh, Port Burwell got the bases full, but through the brilliant work of the Oke battery, were fanned in one, two, three, or four.

Aylmer likewise succeeded in filling the sacks, but Lewis fanned two men and the third was thrown out at first. Aylmer only obtained three runs during the seven innings. Heavy hitting was absent from the game, being confined to singles and two-baggers.

Batteries: Port Burwell, Todd and Lewis; Aylmer, the Oke Brothers. Referee: W. D. Swackhammer.

Some Wonderful values in Black Silks offering this week at \$1.00 and \$1.25.

YOU'LL & WRONG STORE NEWS

A clean-up sale of Children's and Women's Summer Dresses reduced in some cases 50 per cent.

Read this List Carefully
Come Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Quantities in nearly every item sufficient to last for three days.

AWNING STRIPES AT 30c A YARD—

40 inch Palm Beach Awning Stripes for Skirts or Dresses, in colors of Blue, Brown, and Rose; cream grounds, with one-inch stripe. Just in, and specially priced at, per yard..... 30c

36 AND 40 INCH PRINTED DRESS VOILES AND MARQUISSETTES—

At clearing prices; reduced in most cases 50 per cent. Ten Pieces to choose from at, a yard..... 25c

WHITE PIQUES, BEDFORDS, FANCY CORDED STRIPES, GABERDINES, INDIAN HEADS—

A full range of qualities to choose from, 28 to 40 inches wide, at..... 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 60c

PEARL BUTTONS—

100 Gross, all sizes, of Clear White Pearl Buttons, 2-hole or 4-hole, also fish-eye or ball, on Sale This Week at Half the real value. A dozen..... 5c and 10c

For Waists and Dresses, 42-INCH WHITE MERLE—

A fine, sheer, thin material; something new. Rare value This Week at..... 25c

OUR HOSIERY, GLOVE AND CORSET DEPARTMENT—

IS WELL STOCKED WITH EVERY SUMMER NEED

EMBROIDERED PILLOW CASES AT 70c PAIR—

With a 3-inch hemstitched hem, deep Embroidery, in a variety of patterns. Sale Price This Week 37½c each, or, a pair..... 70c

CHILDREN'S TUB DRESSES—

Odd sizes, just the balance of this season's best selling styles. The sizes run from 2 years to 16 years. Reduced in price to One-Half in most cases. Children's Dresses, from..... 35c up

10 ONLY VOILE DRESSES—

In Women's sizes, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42. This season's styles; no two alike. Must be sold This Week at a great sacrifice. This is the weather for them. Prices knocked down to nearly..... One-Half

SILKS—BLACK SILKS—

This Week we offer you 3 Special Qualities in Paillettes and Duchess Silks; standard qualities that we can recommend and guarantee; 36 and 38 inches wide. Specially Priced at..... \$1.00 and \$1.25

COLOR SILKS—

In Shot Paillettes, Poplins, and Duchess Mouseline, 36 inches wide. All the Best and Newest Shades at..... \$1.25

WHITE HABUTAI SILKS—

For Waists. A Washing Silk that will wear; 36 inches wide, at..... 60c, 75c and \$1.00

MALAHIDE COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the Malahide Council was held at the Town Hall, Aylmer, on Monday. The township rate was struck at 4 mills, and much other business discussed.

The accounts which were passed were ordered paid.

Following are the by-laws, which were carried:

Chambers—Hare: That By-law 958 being a by-law to appoint a collector for 1916, be read a second time and finally passed.

Hare—Chambers: That the Clerk be authorized to notify the engineer to inspect the Staley drain with a view of repairing same.

Ingram—Hare: That whereas notice has been received by George A. Laidlaw that the Leam drain is badly out of repair, the Clerk be authorized to notify the drainage inspector to inspect and repair same.

Hare—Ingram: That Chambers be a committee to complete the township portion of the Bertha McDougall drain.

Ingram—Hill: That the Reeve be authorized to sign a petition on behalf of the roads in Malahide, presented by Wm. Percy and others re drainage.

Ingram—Hare: That the petition presented by Wm. Percy and others re drainage be accepted, and the Clerk asked to notify the engineer to make the necessary survey and report.

Ingram—Chambers: That the petition presented by Herb. Newell and others be accepted and the engineer be authorized to proceed with the drainage.

Chambers—Hare: That Hill and Ingram be a committee south of Hamburg, between Lots 20 and 21, 3rd Concession, re drainage.

Chambers—Hare: That Eugene Hill be a committee on Chalk drain.

Hare—Hill: That the Reeve be authorized to get out notices re an award drain on John Street North affecting the lands of the Lightfoot Brothers, and the road allowance between Lots 10 and 11, in the 7th Con.

Hare—Ingram: That the Clerk be authorized to notify the engineer to sell the Stafford drain as soon as possible.

Chambers—Ingram: That the Reeve be a committee on 2nd Concession, west of Centre Road, re drainage.

Ingram—Hill: That this meeting do now adjourn until Monday, 4th Sept.

A MAXWELL CAR FOR A DOLLAR.

Someone is going to get a Maxwell car for only \$1. It might be you.

The 28th Forestry Battalion, C.E.F., now being recruited in Toronto, have taken a novel way to help to raise funds to recruit their battalion for overseas. They had to have an auto for recruiting purposes, and as they will have no use for it after 1st September, they have put the car up as a lottery, and the holder of the lucky number will get the car for \$1 on that date.

If you are a sport you will take a chance, for even if you do not hold the lucky number, you know your dollar has done good work to help to get this battalion to full strength.

The Aylmer Express has been made agents for this district, and we have only a limited number of tickets on hand. First come first served.

CORINTH.

Miss Holland, of Culloden, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Fewster.

Miss Stipe, of Simcoe, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. Kelum.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Dawes, Springfield, spent Sunday with the latter's niece, Mrs. C. Turnbull.

Miss Eric Amoss spent the weekend in Port Burwell, the guest of Mrs. C. Mabey.

Mrs. Hunt has returned to her home in Hamilton after spending a few weeks with Mrs. A. Ronson.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Chalk, of Calton, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Liddle and Mr. H. Liddle, of Dunboyne, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. White.

Mr. I. Bayward, who has been ill for a few weeks, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Anderson is spending a few weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douzwell, of Simcoe.

Miss Nellie Lord has returned after visiting friends in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Robertson spent Sunday in Springfield.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. B. Donaldson, 28th July—a son.

Jack Lotock, of Toronto, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Fred Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Frayne and family, of Sarnia, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Mills.

MAPLETON.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown, of Wilton Grove, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. D. Thomson.

On Friday evening last the Christian Endeavor Society held a social evening in the basement of the church, and presented Pie. Clark Paupers, of 182nd Battalion, with a fountain pen. A. C. Coulter, president of the society, gave a nicely worded address, and made the presentation.

Speeches were delivered by Rev. S. Aldrich and Dr. Thomson, of Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Mills, of Brownsville, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Munro, of Harrietsville, were visitors at W. H. Brown's over the weekend.

Miss Nellie Hunt, of St. Thomas, has been visiting Mrs. L. M. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown entertained about seventy-five young people on Tuesday evening last in honor of their daughters, Jelma and Violet, who leave for Winnipeg on Friday next.

The New School Books

and School supplies are here—a whole carload of them. We've all the books needed in the public and high schools—send the children to us, we will see that they get the right kinds and the very best of everything.

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If you don't own a Kodak you are missing a whole lot of real pleasure. The taking of the picture, the developing of the film and the printing of the pictures is "fun" all the way. Doesn't cost much either—We've good Kodaks from \$2.50 up and if you don't care to bother with developing and printing we will do a dozen pictures for you for 46c. Let us show you the different styles.

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