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## Capt. Reid to Command; Will Succeed Col. Little

Offered the Position in Seventh  
Regiment by Brigadier-Gen-  
eral Otter Today.

Brigadier-General Otter, commander of the militia of the Western Ontario district, is in the city today in regard to matters affecting the Seventh Regiment. He arrived yesterday and since he reached the city he has been very busy.

An important meeting was held in the armory last night at which General Otter offered the command of the Seventh Regiment to Major Hayes, an old and well-tried veteran.

Major Hayes, though he fully appreciated the great honor the general had done him, could not see his way clear to accept the command. He had been assured of the hearty support of the officers and men of the regiment, and great pressure had been brought to bear on him, but he could not be moved in his determination.

It is now practically settled that Capt. Frank A. Reid will succeed to the command of the regiment, and that the honor will be offered him today by Brigadier-General Otter.

Major Hayes, it is understood, will remain in the regiment as senior major. As quickly as possible, all vacancies on the staff will be filled.

Captain Reid has been connected with the Seventh Regiment for about eight years, having entered it as captain at the time of the reorganization. Previous to that time he was an officer in the Twenty-sixth Middlesex Light Infantry.

He has consequently had much experience, and it is felt that under his guidance the regiment will continue to prosper as it has prospered in the past under Lieut.-Col. Little.

It appears that the Forty-eighth Highlanders of Toronto are coming here on the invitation of the Sixth Field Battery commanded by Major Mills, and that the members of the Seventh have not as yet been officially consulted in the matter, but the best of good will prevails, and several of the officers say that the Seventh should remain at home on May 24 and help in a demonstration which will keep Londoners here for the holiday, instead of having them go elsewhere.

## MAY LOSE ARMS; OLD BLOW BLAMED

Tragic Outcome of a Brutal  
Assault, by Farmer on  
Hired Man.

Albert Hughes, a young man 29 years of age, was this morning brought from the House of Refuge, Strathroy, to Victoria Hospital, where he may have both arms amputated.

The case is one of the saddest that has yet come to the attention of the hospital authorities.

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## ADMITTED BEING TOO-MUCH MARRIED

James Belbeck Pleads Guilty to  
Bigamy—Will Not Live With  
Either Wife.

James Belbeck, the Exeter man who was arrested about a week ago on a charge of bigamy, appeared before Judge Macbeth this morning, and pleaded guilty. He was remanded until Saturday for sentence.

Belbeck is illiterate, being neither able to read nor write, but he nevertheless is somewhat of a philosopher. Previous to appearing before his honor this morning, he engaged in conversation with one of the officials at the court house, and expressed himself freely on the subject of law-breaking.

"When a man transgresses on the law of God," he said, "he violates the laws of man. That's why I am in my present position. I know I have sinned, and that I owe God a big debt, and I am quite willing to pay that debt, even if I have to serve fifteen years to do so. I consider that my sin will have been expiated at the conclusion of my sentence."

"As for living with either one of my wives, then I am free again, it is out of the question. One wife—the first one—showed by her actions several years ago that she was tired of me, and the other one has too much pride to live with me after my jail experience."

Belbeck's first wife is advanced in years, while his second choice is scarcely out of her teens.

## ARE IN HARD LUCK

Family of Five Arrives Here With  
Only Two Cents to the Good.

Inspector McCallum has under his paternal care a family just arrived from the old country, the members of which are altogether worthy, but are in hard luck. Mr. McCallum has secured a job for the husband, who reached here last night with only 27 cents in his pocket, and with a wife and three small children. Mr. McCallum is now seeking to find some charitable people who have clothes they are willing to donate, as the mother and little ones are in need of a new outfit. The mother is small of stature. Of the children one is a boy of 6, and there are two little girls, one of 4 and the other of 2. Any people who care to donate clothing will confer a favor of the inspector by sending him a postcard or phoning. He will do the rest.

## FIVE SHOCKS TO KILL

Murderer Sexton Proves a Difficult  
Subject to Electrocuting.

Auburn, N. Y., April 16.—Edward Sexton, who was convicted at Canandaigua on Friday, April 29, 1904, of murder in the first degree, for killing Thomas Mahoney, was electrocuted at Auburn prison this morning at 6:14 o'clock.

Sexton was small of stature and slight, but he required five distinct contacts before he was declared dead. The contacts ranged from 1,540 volts at eight amperes to 1,740 volts at eight amperes. State Electrician Davis, who officiated, said that Sexton was one of the hardest subjects that had been in the chair in the past ten years. Sexton went to the chair composure.

Five other men in the condemned row had good-bye to Sexton last night. Included in the number was Chester Gillette, the murderer of Grace Brown.

## TRAVELED 16,000 MILES

Imperial Male Quartet Returns After a  
Long Concert Tour.

Enjoying the best of health, and looking none the worse for their long journey, Messrs Ernest Moule, Chris J. Pink and Ed A. Webster, of the Imperial Male Quartet, have arrived home. Mr. Fred J. Fitzgerald, the remaining member, will arrive in a few days, having decided to stay over in Chicago for a short time.

The quartet left London on Oct. 9, under the direction of a tycoon bureau of Chicago, and during their absence they have appeared in concerts in seventeen of the Middle, West and Southern States. They have traveled a total of 16,000 miles, and naturally they have many interesting experiences to relate.

The quartet everywhere gave the greatest satisfaction, and it is not unlikely that they may be engaged for another tour next winter.

## WORKMEN MURDERED.

Lodz, Russian Poland, April 15.—During the last four weeks over 100 workmen have been killed or wounded here in labor feuds. The Government has failed to protect those who are willing to work, and the latter have taken matters into their own hands and are violently expelling agitators whom they hold responsible for the ruin of the industries of Lodz. As the Jews form over 50 per cent of the socialists there is some apprehension that the licensed workmen may engage in an anti-semitic outbreak.



CAPT. FRANK REID.

## FOR SPEAKER'S WIDOW

Legislature Votes Mrs. St. John \$4,000,  
and Daughter, \$1,000.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, April 16.—In the additional supplementary estimates brought down yesterday provision is made for a gratuity of \$4,000 to the widow of the late Speaker St. John and of \$1,000 to his daughter.

## COUNTY PAYS 40 PER CENT

Basis of Agreement Between City and  
County re Tuberculosis Hospital.

In The Advertiser's report of the tuberculosis hospital meeting held Saturday, it was stated by mistake that the county was to pay two-thirds and the city one-third of the cost of maintenance of the proposed hospital. The fact is the joint committee of the city and the county councils agreed that the city was to pay 60 per cent, or three-fifths, and the county 40 per cent, or two-fifths. The following is a copy of the resolution:

"Moved by Alderman Beattie, seconded by Councillor Ulens, that the city of London pay 60 per cent, and the county of Middlesex 40 per cent respectively of the total cost of the maintenance of the institution, and that each municipality pay the actual cost per capita for each patient it sends in over and above the Government grant of \$1.50 per week per capita."

## BETTER SERVICE ON THE C. P. R.

Likelihood That More Passenger  
Trains Will Be Placed on  
Western Division.

According to rumors which have been in circulation for some time, the C. P. R. is to have a vastly improved train service on its Western Ontario division under the summer time card, which will go into effect about the middle of May or the 1st of June.

The local officials have waited on the divisional officers at Toronto, asking for an increased number of passenger trains, both east and west. Although similar requests have been ignored for four or five years past, it is understood that something will be done this summer to meet the wishes of the men along the line who boost the passenger business.

It is proposed to put a local west-bound train, Toronto to Windsor, and due here about 10:30 a.m., and also an eastbound local, arriving in London from Windsor at 4:30 p.m. These trains, it is claimed, would obviate the necessity of the expresses due here from the west at 5:30 p.m. and from the east at 11:30 a.m., stopping at any but the most important stations between Toronto and Windsor.

This would make possible a great reduction in the running time of the fast trains, and result in greatly increased traffic. The agents are asking for a train from London to Windsor about 7:30 a.m.

## FOR PROVINCIAL DAIRIES

Chief Dairy Instructor and Sanitary Inspector Frank Hems announces the following appointments as dairy instructors and sanitary inspectors for Western Ontario for 1907.

Alex. McKay, St. Marys, instructor, Stratford group.  
James R. Burgess, Listowel, instructor, Listowel group.  
R. H. Green, Cayuga, instructor, Brantford group.  
E. N. Hart, Woodstock, instructor, Woodstock and Ingersoll group.

George Travis, Tillsonburg, instructor, Simcoe group.  
Fred Dean, Strathroy, instructor, western creameries.  
Mac Robertson, St. Marys, instructor, eastern creameries.

Frank Hems, chief instructor, London, will look after all factories, which are so located that they could not be placed in the above groups.

## FATALLY STABBED.

New York, April 15.—As a result of a quarrel with several Italians on a Third Avenue elevated train last night, Ernest Hertman, a machinist, died of a stab wound today. His companion, Jacob Weiss was badly wounded. One of the Italians, Antonio De Genova, is under arrest, charged with assault, and several other Italians are held as suspects.

## M'GILL IS AGAIN HARD HIT BY FIRE.

Medical Buildings of the Big  
University Wiped Out.

WORLD-FAMOUS MUSEUM GONE  
Half a Million Dollars Will Hardly Cover  
Losses by Fire of Mysterious  
Origin.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Montreal, Que., April 16.—The second disastrous fire within two weeks visited McGill University early this morning, and practically destroyed the medical buildings, one of the oldest and most valuable of the splendid collection on the college grounds. The results of the fire were most disastrous, as in addition to the usual equipment of a college medical building, the museum, one of the best on the continent, was destroyed. The loss of this cannot be considered in money value, as the museum has been collecting for nearly three-quarters of a century, and contained many absolutely priceless specimens. The magnificent medical library, however, was partially saved, and this is no small comfort to the university authorities, as it contained many works as valuable in their way as the collection in the museum.

Half a Million Loss.  
Money cannot spell the loss which will be caused to the university by this second disaster, but a conservative estimate places the amount at half a million, with a strong probability of its running far beyond that.

Origin a Mystery.  
How the fire originated is not known. It started in the center of the building on the second floor, where the lecture rooms are situated, and where Dr. Ruitan stated last night there had been nothing going on. The fire burned with great force. The firemen made a rapid run to the first alarm, but even at the shortest interval the flames had obtained almost complete control of the center of the group of connected buildings, and was raging as though nothing could stop it. The flames with great velocity spread from the second story to the roof, and within a very few minutes the whole center block was a mass of flames. Suddenly the roof fell in, the heavy domes precipitating the crash, and with a thunderous noise the whole fabric collapsed, carrying a large portion of the walls with it.

Firemen's Hard Battle.  
It was evident by this time that the whole middle of the block of buildings was doomed, and the firemen devoted their efforts to saving the north and south wings. At one time it looked as though they were obtaining mastery, but the wind, which was blowing freshly from the northwest, swept down and again the fire broke out with fury, gradually working its way southwards toward the library and the basement, where bodies used for dissection purposes were kept. Immediately to the north of the older building was an annex devoted to the physiology department, and here the firemen put up a strong fight. Despite their efforts, however, the fire ate its way right through, and at about 2:30 the roof of this part of the building fell in. By 3 o'clock the fire was under control, although still burning fiercely.

Students and others connected with the university are seriously discussing the possibility of the two recent fires having been the work of an incendiary. The mysterious origin of both fires, and the unusual hour that the fires started, the first at 5 o'clock and the last one at 1 o'clock, in the morning, lead to the impression that they did not originate by accident.

THE PEACE CONGRESS.  
New York, April 16.—The peace congress, so successfully inaugurated under the joint auspices of city, state and nation, will see its busiest time today. Five regular sessions are scheduled, as well as a conference and three receptions. Great crowds are attending the meetings and the sentiments and ideas of the distinguished speakers are being widely disseminated. There will be a number of meetings today, at which the following will deliver addresses: Mrs. Anna G. Spencer, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, Baron de Constant, Oscar Strauss, W. J. Stead, President Eliot, Felix Adler, Dr. Rhyss of Oxford University, and Professor James.

THE WEATHER.  
TOMORROW—COOLER.  
FORECASTS.  
Toronto, April 16—8 a.m.  
Today—Southerly winds, with occasional light snow or rain.  
Wednesday—Northwest gales and cooler.  
TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.  
Calgary..... 16 12 Cloudy  
Winnipeg..... 22 20 Snow  
Port Arthur..... 22 20 Cloudy  
Parry Sound..... 28 24 Snow  
Toronto..... 32 24 Fair  
Ottawa..... 34 24 Fair  
Montreal..... 32 28 Clear  
Quebec..... 32 28 Cloudy  
Father Point..... 36 34 Cloudy

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.  
A disturbance now centered over Michigan and moving eastward is likely to cause heavy rains on the great lakes. The weather continues cold and wintry in the Western Provinces, and the general outlook is cold and stormy.

## London Dines and Wines the Colonial Premiers

MAKES CLEAN BREAST  
Self-Confessed Hamilton Embellisher  
Asks Court To Be Lenient.

Hamilton, April 16.—Peter M. Kenney, who was arrested yesterday on a charge of embellishing from the Frank E. Walker Company, his employers, appeared in the police court this morning, and pleaded guilty to the charge. Mr. Walker and W. H. Wardrope, K.C., asked the magistrate to be as lenient as possible with him, as it was the first offense, and his counsel decided to take until tomorrow to decide what the sentence should be. The exact amount of the shortage is not known, but it will be considerably over \$1,000, and possibly twice that amount. Kenney has made a clean breast of the whole affair, and is doing what he can to straighten out the tangled account.

London, April 16.—The colonial premiers were presented with the freedom of the city at the Guild Hall this afternoon, and subsequently were entertained at lunch by the lord mayor, Sir William Trevelyan, and the corporation. Each of the visitors received letters patent as a freeman, inclosed in a gold casket.

The premiers drove in procession to the Guild Hall, General Botha, the Transvaal premier, as the "Benjamin of the Brotherhood," riding with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian prime minister. The decorations of the streets through which the procession passed were not pretentious, but the visitors received a hearty welcome from large crowds of people.

The luncheon at the Guild Hall was a brilliant function. It was attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Premier Campbell-Bannerman, and other cabinet ministers; Field Marshal Lord Roberts, who cracked jokes with General Botha about their experiences on the veldt; many peers and members of the House of Commons, and military and naval men in uniforms sparkling with decorations, while the women present were dressed in the most elaborate costumes.

The Boer flag, captured by the City Imperial Volunteers at Jacobsdal, which usually ornaments the banquet hall, was removed on this occasion so as not to offend General Botha and his party.

FAMOUS COUNSEL  
MAY ACT FOR THAW  
Ex-Gov. Black, Lionel Adams and  
Nan Patterson's Prosecutor  
Are Mentioned.

New York, April 16.—Harry K. Thaw finds himself today in a rather unsettled state, legally speaking, judging from present circumstances. There is considerable speculation as to who his counsel will be at the next trial, and almost as much as to whether tentative plans to have him released on bail will be successful. It is considered significant that Daniel O'Reilly, of his counsel, in having the clerk of the criminal branch of the supreme court look up all the exhibits produced at the trial, took a step which would naturally be the part of the attorney of record. This followed a consultation between O'Reilly and the prisoner, and it is said to have been done with the prisoner's written authorization.

Notwithstanding this, and Mr. O'Reilly's practically acting as spokesman for Thaw, it is reported that Mrs. Wm. Thaw, the prisoner's mother, is directing the choice of counsel and that she has asked ex-governor Frank S. Black to assume full charge of the defense at his second trial. Then again it is reported that Lionel Adams, a prominent Louisiana lawyer, or Wm. Rand, ex-assistant district attorney, will take the case.

It is stated that after District Attorney Jerome returns tomorrow, and the question of bail is discussed with him, the entire Thaw family, with the exception of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, will leave New York. The Countess of Yarmouth will sail for England, while Mrs. Wm. Thaw will go to Crescent, Pa., and Joseph and his wife will go to Watchkill, B. I., and Mr. and Mrs. George Carnegie will make a tour of the south. But Evelyn Nesbit Thaw will continue to live at the Lorraine.

WORKING FOR PEACE  
Roosevelt Endeavoring to Insure Tran-  
quility in Central America.

San Salvador, Monday, April 15.—President Roosevelt has cabled President Figueroa that, in accordance with the statements made by President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, and accepting his assurances that the war is ended, he offers, with President Diaz, of Mexico, to arrange matters so that there will be no hostile agitation along the frontier between the forces of Salvador and Guatemala. President Roosevelt also says that these forces must be retired as soon as he and President Diaz, acting with the consent of President Figueroa, are able to give some assurance to President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, and President Cabrera, of Guatemala. President Figueroa is disposed to personally attend a conference at Amapala, to which he has been invited by President Zelaya, in order to arrange a firm basis for insuring permanent tranquility. President Roosevelt has placed the cruiser Chicago at the disposal of Presidents Zelaya and Figueroa to make a trip to Amapala.

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The alarm was sent in at 6:17 by P. C. Kelly, who saw smoke issuing from a window. The officer pulled the box at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets.

The firemen replied with commendable speed, and in a few minutes they had several lines of hose laid and playing on the flames, which could be seen shooting through the windows of the second and third stories.

It appears that the fire started on the second story of the building, and that it followed the elevator shaft right through to the roof.

The firemen found the fumes from the burning cloth of the cap factory to be almost stifling, and it was with difficulty that the blaze was fought, but after an hour and a half of hard work it was overcome. A part of the roof around the elevator shaft fell in.

The damage to the building, which is owned by Judge Talbot Macbeth, will be about \$2,500, and to the stock of the cap company about \$7,800. Both losses are covered by insurance.

The ticket offices of the Michigan Central and the office of Mr. F. B. Clarke were damaged somewhat. It is said that the loss to the Michigan Central through water will be about \$500, but Mr. Clarke's loss is only slight.

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## WHITNEY ATTACKS MILITIA MINISTER

Says He is Endeavoring to  
Despoil Ontario of Lands.

WILL GO TO FOOT OF THRONE

Taking Over off Petawawa Acres for  
Camp, Under B. N. A. Act,  
Rouses Premier.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, April 16.—Premier Whitney yesterday afternoon followed up his mysterious hint of Friday regarding an important disclosure which he had to make to the House, by laying before the Legislature all the correspondence between the Ontario Government and the militia department of the Dominion Government regarding the acquisition of a tract of land at Petawawa for a military camp-ground. The Premier accompanied his reading of the documentary evidence with a vigorously worded protest against the department's action in assuming the lands, ostensibly under the authority of the British North America act, without any regard whatever for the Province's rights in the lands, and with very little attention to the interests of the timber licensees.

Blames Borden.  
The Premier threw the whole blame upon Sir Frederick Borden, and heatedly declared that the Government would carry the matter to the foot of the throne before it would allow the rights of the people of the Province to be sacrificed.

Mr. Whitney first read the correspondence. This showed that in 1904, when the Ross Government was in power, the militia department had opened negotiations for the securing of the land, the department offering to lease or rent the land from the Province. The department admitted that the Province, the timber licensees and the settlers each had rights which should be respected. After several conferences, Sir Frederick Borden had suddenly dropped all negotiations, and without any notice to the Province, had assumed the land under the authority of section 117 of the British North America act.

This section of the B. N. A. act empowers the Governor-General-in-Council to expropriate any lands necessary for the erection of fortifications or for the defense of the country.

55,000 Acres in Question.  
Mr. Whitney pointed out that the 55,000 acres of land in question was the property of the Province, while 7,300 acres belonged to settlers and others. The Ross Government had offered the land on a 99-year lease at a nominal rental of 20 cents per acre. It was understood that these negotiations were proceeding unsatisfactorily, when Sir Frederick Borden broke them off on the excuse that the timber licensees were demanding the exorbitant compensation of \$12,000.

The Minister of Militia, according to Hansard, which Mr. Whitney quoted, had been interviewed in the House, and had then stated that it was not the intention of the Government to compensate the Ontario Government for its rights in the lands taken, as the Ontario Government was not entitled to such compensation. The Dominion Government, said the Minister of Militia, had not yet taken into consideration the interests of the timber licensees.

No Compensation.  
The statement, said Mr. Whitney, was equivalent to saying that the property belonging to the people of Ontario is to be taken in this wanton manner by the head of a department of the Dominion Government, who had the assurance to say that he did not intend to pay any compensation, after he had offered a price for the land, and after a leasehold has been offered to him. Because he chose to imagine that the claim of the timber licensees was exorbitant, and without seeing if there could not have been found a basis for a proper valuation, he dropped all negotiations, and without notice takes advantage of a possible interpretation of the B. N. A. act to seize at once the land, the timber, the rights of the licensees and the rights which would accrue to the Province when the timber was cut, in the form of timber dues paid him by the licensees. All that the provincial department of lands, forests and mines had insisted upon was that

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LIBERAL WHIST MATCHES  
At Hyman Hall on Wednesday, and  
South London Thursday.

The attention of all Liberals is called to the weekly whist tournament to be held at Hyman Hall on Wednesday evening. These games are drawing large crowds every week, and it is expected that this week's will be no exception to the rule. Both the games and the progressive games will be played. Three fine prizes will be offered for competition.

South London Match