

At the place first named Charley met for the first time the daughter who afterwards became his wife. The time allotted for the journey was soon over, and the young party returned to Toronto where the Provincial Fair was then in progress. Here they separated, the aunts proceeded to Hamilton, where they were in attendance upon the Wesleyan Female College, and the others returning to Newcastle soon after.

About two weeks after coming home from his Western trip Charles entered the British American Commercial College, Toronto. Here his business ability and capacity for rapid work were soon manifest, and he quickly pursued the course and numbered himself among the graduates.

A few days after this, he began the course at the Military School, Toronto, and finished this branch of schooling about two months later. His tall form, well-proportioned physique and manly bearing made him a good subject for military accomplishment. This term at the Military School concluded the student life of Charles, and returning home he laid aside the forage cap and red jacket to assume the cares and responsibilities of a business man. It was now the summer of 1867, and his father, having machines at the great Paris Exposition, made a trip to Europe, causing an absence from home of over two months.

This necessitated placing upon the young shoulders of Charley grave responsibilities in the management of his father's business affairs, but he proved himself equal to the task, and there were no disasters to face when the father came home. It is worthy of consideration that Charles was not yet nineteen years of age, though he took hold of the responsibilities like a man of thirty. From this time forward to the day of his death he was closely identified with the business in which he was reared. He never knew any other business, and gave it unqualified attention. This experience during his father's absence in Europe was of great value to him, confirming his confidence and giving him at once in the start a realization of what his life-work was to be. Charles became rapidly acquainted with affairs in general, showing remarkable adaptation to his calling. He stood shoulder to shoulder with his father in the management of the business and showed himself a son to be proud of.

Though his cares began to multiply he was not indifferent to