

Rev. Mr. Knox Accepts The Call to This City

Pembroke Pastor Will Come to First Presbyterian Church—Present Congregation Loath to Part With Him.

Rev. William J. Knox, of Pembroke, has accepted the call to the First Presbyterian Church of this city, in succession to Rev. J. G. Inkster, now of Victoria. His decision will be communicated to the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew at once.

Mr. Knox is a graduate of Toronto University and of Knox College. His first charge after entering the ministry was Strathroy; his second was Pembroke, where he has been stationed for six years. His Pembroke congregation testified to its regard for him by sending a powerful deputation to the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew to oppose the call, which was presented by London delegates.

Mr. Knox is a native of Perth County, and a member of a talented family. Agnes Knox Black, the famous reader, is his sister. Though only in his early forties, he is already an outstanding figure in the Presbyterian Church. He is recognized as an expert in young people's work. He is secretary of the Religious Education Commission for the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and a member of the committee on Sabbath schools and Young People's Societies.

Members of the First Presbyterian Church will congratulate themselves upon Mr. Knox's acceptance of the call, which was not of his seeking.

The Renfrew Mercury thus reports the presbytery meeting at which the call was extended:

Renfrew had many visitors of a Presbyterian cast of countenance on Tuesday of this week. Here was held the meeting of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew to consider the call from the First Presbyterian Church of London to Rev. W. J. Knox, of Pembroke. There were several clerical members of the presbytery on hand, some 28 of a delegation of solid citizens of Pembroke, and 3 delegates from London.

The grave and reverend fathers met in St. Andrew's Church at 1 o'clock. Rev. James Taylor, of Braeside, was chosen moderator; Rev. Geo. D. Campbell sat at the clerk's desk. The case for London was presented by Rev. Mr. Horne, acting for the London Presbytery, as well as by the three Londoners themselves—Messrs. C. G. Jarvis, Archibald Macpherson and Harry Bapty.

Pembroke Wanted to Keep Him. Pembroke's opposition to the translation of Rev. Mr. Knox from the charge of Calvin Church was presented by Messrs. Walter Beatty, Dr. Snedden, J. L. Morris, Grigg, Seabrook, Thom and Andrew Johnston. If we caught the names right, they told of the conditions Mr. Knox found when he came to Pembroke six years ago; and of the improvement he had wrought in the congregation and in Sunday school, and of the particular hold he had secured on the young men, and the development of their interest in better things; and of the need there was in the present prospect of Pembroke's growth to larger things, that he should be left there to carry on his work. They had had four ministers only in all the history of the congregation, and twenty years had been the measure of each of the last two.

London's Plea. To the outsider, listening to the story as told, it seemed "How can he leave?" But when Mr. Jarvis, the Londoner, who by church rules had the privilege of reviewing the situation, concluded the wonder was just as strong "How can Mr. Knox not accept the call?" And that was how the presbytery felt, evidently. For on motion the call was placed in the hands of Mr. Knox, which meant that the presbytery expressed no opinion. The decision must be that of Mr. Knox alone. He too felt the stress of the cross currents. His judgment, he said, had led him in view of all the situation, towards the London minister. He had seen the London minister, and the expressions of the congregational meeting the preceding night in Pembroke and the presentation of the Pembroke delegation that afternoon gave him pause. His heart was towards Pembroke. He asked for ten days in which to consider. The presbytery acquiesced, and will meet again in Renfrew on Thursday of next week to receive Mr. Knox's decision.

Did Not Seek Call. It seems that last winter the opportunity to get this call was presented to Mr. Knox. He did not encourage it. A few weeks ago, when at the great congress, another London minister—of the East Church—was taken ill; and on a Saturday induced Mr. Knox to take his London pulpit on the morrow. Four members of the First Church slipped over to the east side and heard Mr. Knox. On their report the congregation, once unanimous, gave a call to him. They want not only a good organizer, and worker among the young people, but a strong man in the pulpit.

Dr. Robert Bridges New Poet Laureate

[Canadian Press.] London, July 16.—The new British poet-laureate is Dr. Robert Bridges, who was appointed by Premier Asquith today to take the place of the late Alfred Austin. Beside being a poet and literary man, Dr. Bridges, who is in his 69th year, practised medicine for many years in the London hospitals. He is a master of arts, a bachelor of medicine and a doctor of literature of Oxford University.

REV. W. J. KNOX, of Pembroke, who has accepted call to the First Presbyterian Church.



GRAND PARADE OF CADET CORPS THURSDAY NIGHT

One Thousand Boy Soldiers
to Take Part in Route
March.

Col. Hodgins and Staff and
Several Bands Will Be
in Parade.

The citizens of London will be given an opportunity of seeing the "defenders of their homes" in service conditions and under the most favorable conditions. Colonel Hodgins, officer commanding first division, has, with his customary thoroughness, arranged a route march for the 1,000 cadets now encamped on Carling's Heights. The cadets will leave the camp grounds at 7 o'clock Thursday evening, and parade through the city, proceeding by the following route: Camp grounds to Adelaide street, Adelaide street to Princess avenue, Princess avenue to Colborne street, Colborne street to Dundas street, Dundas street to Richmond street, Richmond street to Dufferin avenue, Dufferin avenue to Victoria Park, Victoria Park to Central avenue, thence to the camp grounds.

Headed by Band. The parade will be headed by the band of the First Hussars. Then will come the bugle band of the Chatham Cadet Corps, heading the second battalion. The band of the Seventh Regiment will head the third battalion, and the wonderful boy pipe band of Chatham Cadet Corps will head the fourth battalion. This band is composed of six pipers and two drummers, whose ages average only fourteen years. It is remarkable the standard of efficiency to which these "wee pipe laddies" have attained, and to hear their sweet music is most inspiring.

Staff to Parade. The parade will be headed by Colonel Hodgins and staff. Then will follow the First, Second, Third and Fourth Battalions, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Wigley. Twenty-first Regiment, Lieut.-Col. Oliver. Twenty-ninth Regiment, Lieut.-Col. Mayberry. Twenty-fourth Grey's Horse, and Major W. J. Browne, C. F. A., respectively.

The parade will be unique in the annals of Canadian history, because of the fact that it will be the first time that such a parade has taken place in Canada, and the citizens of London who will have the pleasure of witnessing it may mark it down in their memorandum book that they will have witnessed an epoch-making spectacle.

THE WEATHER.

The temperature by The Advertiser thermometer at noon today was 74.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.

Forecasts.
Today—Fine and moderately warm.

Thursday—Fresh southeast to southwest winds, showery.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.
London 81 59 Clear
Victoria 70 46 Clear
Calgary 70 40 Cloudy
Perry Sound 74 50 Clear
Toronto 78 56 Clear
Ottawa 72 58 Cloudy
Montreal 60 40 Clear
Quebec 70 52 Clear
Father Point 52 32 Clear

Notes.
The weather is fine and moderately warm throughout the Dominion. An area of high barometer, which covers the Great Lakes is likely to move slowly eastward in advance of a disturbance now centered in the Missouri Valley.

NEW PULMOTOR PUT TO THE TEST DURING THE FIRES

Restores Lieut. Haylock and
Two Operators at the
Pumping Station.

The Latter Were Practically
Asphyxiated by Bursting of
Gas Compressor.

There were no volunteers yesterday morning on whom to test the new pulmotor of the water commission. There were subjects for the machine to be tested on last night, but they were not volunteers. The machine was given its inaugural test on a fireman overcome with smoke. It proved its worth and efficiency. Lieut. Robert Haylock, of No. 4 Company, was the fireman. He was overcome. His lungs were filled with the acid smoke from the burning dry kiln at Beck's box factory, Albert street. Reeling from the line he was taken to the office of the factory, where Electrical Engineer E. V. Buchanan, of the city hydro service, had the machine in readiness. The apparatus was placed over Lieut. Haylock's head and the machine started. In a few seconds almost, the results were perceptible, and within a short time the smoke-affected fire-fighter had been restored.

Two More Restored. Later two operators of the water commission, at work in the Horton street pumping station, were overcome with gas, and practically asphyxiated. Again was the pulmotor called into commission and again the machine did its work. Both men were conscious when the apparatus was started, but both were suffering from the gas on the lungs. The pulmotor removed the gas. It did more than that—it restored the men to complete consciousness and afforded them wonderful relief.

Bursting of a gas bag, on the gas compressor, was responsible for the accident to Operators Jack Mills, Bruce street and Harry Waspe.

Every available pump was pressed into service during the two fires and the gas compressor, pump and engine held in reserve against any breakdown of hydro, was put into commission. (The worked men have tested it out under actual conditions, and found that it worked splendidly.) It was the tribute to the pulmotor paid by General Manager H. J. Gaultzitz this morning. "We are sending for another oxygen tank this morning."

How It Feels. Pulmoting is a new experience for Londoners. So far there are but three who enjoy the novelty of having been "pulmoted." The sensation is of the opinion that it is still far from a sport, and are hardly likely to recommend it to their friends. They are, however, grateful that there was such a thing as pulmoting.

"How does it feel to be pulmoted?" was asked Lieut. Robert Haylock this morning. The lieutenant answered that he didn't quite know. The sensation of pulmoting, he said, was indescribable. It gave him feelings in the pit of his stomach and in his lungs that he never had before, but he was unable to classify them. He was sure, however, of the result.

"I got relief in two minutes," was his statement. "The pulmotor is a great machine."

Keen Contest Expected for the
Officer of Deputy Grand
Master.

Reports Received So Far Indi-
cate Splendid Condition
of All the Lodges.

[Canadian Press.] Ottawa, July 16.—By 2 o'clock this afternoon about 750 delegates to the 58th annual convention of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario of the A. F. and A. M. had registered at the Ottawa Hotel. The convention, which was opened at 10 o'clock, is being held. This is the largest number of Masons that has ever attended a similar convention.

Controlled by W. Nelson in the absence of Mayor Ellis, welcomed the visitors and extended them the freedom of the city. R. W. Bro. John C. Scott welcomed the visiting delegates to Ottawa on behalf of the local members of the craft. A reply to both welcomes was made by Grand Master Aubrey White, of Toronto, on behalf of the grand lodge.

The feature of this morning's session was the address by the grand master, who presided. He paid warm compliments to Ottawa and emphasized the extent of benevolent work done by the grand lodge during the past year.

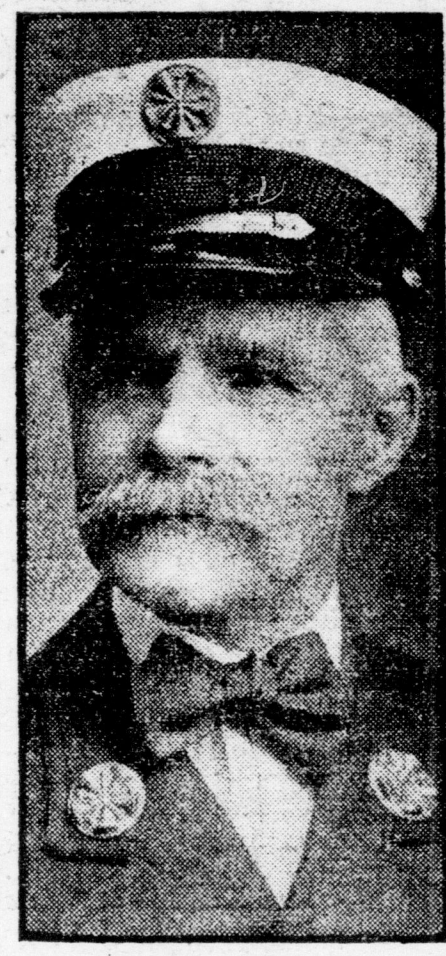
Received Reports. Most of this morning was taken up with the reading of reports, that of the treasurer showing that there is a balance on hand of over \$1,500.

What is exciting the greatest interest is the contest for the high office of deputy grand master, in which S. A. Luke, of Ottawa; Abraham Shaw, of Kingston; and Col. Ponton, of Belleville, are named. The election of officers will be held tomorrow.

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WAS 103 YEARS OLD. [Canadian Press.] Sherbrooke, Que., July 15.—Peter Hamilton, of Adderly, Megantic County, is dead at the age of 103. He was in good health until he met with an accident some weeks ago, when he sustained injuries in a fall from a tree he was spraying, from which he never recovered.

FIRE DEPT. NEEDS 10 MEN CHIEF POINTS TO LESSON OF LAST NIGHT'S BLAZES

FIRE CHIEF AITKEN, whose fine work Tuesday night caused general comment.



GRAND FIGHTER IS THE FIRE CHIEF

Showed It Last Night by Splendid
Handling of Two
Blazes.

BATTLES LIKE TERRIER

"It's little, but it's wise;
It's a terror for his size."

Kipling's immortal eulogy of Lord Roberts, ideal of the British soldier's eye could well be applied to Chief John Aitken, head of the London fire department, in the opinion of those who saw his work last night in stopping two serious fires, and those who have seen the little terrier of the department at work.

It is over thirty years since the chief first smelled smoke in the London fire department, and during that time he has steadily made a name for himself as a demon to work and a splendid fire-fighter. There isn't much size to Chief Aitken, but there's class. There's not a man in the department who can keep pace with the chief. He is stronger than the majority of his men, and his staying powers cannot be equalled.

Always at It. "Drill, ye terriers, drill," is the chief's watchword, and his "drilling" shows them all the way. He is short on gold braid, bluster and formality, but long on discipline, efficiency and hard work. He's a fighter through and through, and of the breed that never gives up, according to his men. In his fire-fighting experience, he has stood knocks, shocks and accidents that would have killed anyone else, but John Aitken. There are only two men on the department older in years than the chief. There is not one, even to the youngest fireman of the force, who can stand the wear and tear of a fire the way he can. He comes up fresher than them all—the marvel of those who know him.

Can't Be Knocked Out. Last night it was a hard night that the chief fought, a fight that brought him unstinted praise. It was two fights, in fact, but this morning there wasn't a trace of the weariness that marked every fireman at headquarters on the face of Chief Aitken. It was after 4 a.m. when the chief turned in, but at 6:30 the firemen heard the chief "hit the floor" again—and heard him whistling "Cook of the North" as he went upstairs to shave. The men felt about as much like whistling as a bear. They were utterly done out, but the chief, "fresh as paint," was on duty again, ready for another day's work.

"He's so tough you can't kill him," was the tribute paid by one of his men this morning as the chief drove away.

Chief Gets Check for Twenty-Five
Work at Dundas Street Fire Last
Night Is Appreciated.

This morning Fire Chief Aitken received the following letter from Geo. T. Hiscox, enclosing a check for \$25: John Aitken,

Dear Sir—Inclosed please find check for \$25 in appreciation of the good work of yourself and your noble comrades in saving my property last night at the fire in the Hiscox Block. Yours truly,

GEORGE T. HISCOX.
The money was applied to the benefit fund.

STRIKE WAS SETTLED. [Canadian Press.] Calgary, Alta., July 15.—All the independent builders and a number of the contractors affiliated with the Builders' Exchange, met the demands of the union for 70 cents an hour, and the strike, which only lasted a few hours, is over.

Had to "Rob" Beck Fire to Fight the One
on Dundas Street When Entire Force
Was Insufficient for First Conflagration.

NOTHING BUT FINE WORK PREVENTED MONSTER FIRE

London's fire department is undermanned. Fire Chief John Aitken says so, and as head of the department he is the man who knows. It was ten men short three years ago. It is still short. The underwriters put in a claim for the ten more men in 1910. The half-score was required to bring the department to standard strength. The request was repeated two years ago, when a reduction was made in the insurance key rate. At that time it was stated that a further reduction would be made if certain water main alterations were made and the additional men put on the fire department. The water commission did its part—the council failed to do its—in securing more men, and the reduction has never been made.

Last Night's Lesson. Last night showed the need for more firemen. London had two fires—both serious. There was hardly enough men to cope with one blaze, let alone two. When the second alarm was sent in, there wasn't even a man left in fire headquarters to answer the telephone. They were all at work. In order to fight it Chief Aitken had to "rob" the first fire.

That the chief had an efficient service behind him was all that saved the city from more serious consequences of the council's parsimony. His men were well trained, but they were too few in numbers to cope with the blaze as they should have.

Would Pay the City.

Criticism has been levelled at the council time and time again for its action in refusing to appoint the men.

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LONDON OLD BOYS MAKING GOOD AT "MOVIES" BUSINESS

Several Acting as Directors in
Big Plants in State of
California.

Their Productions Frequently
Seen on Stages of Local
Theatres.

Moving pictures often flicker over the curtains of London theatres that are the production of London men.

There are three former residents who have won high places in the production of films, Messrs. — Christie, Harry Edwards and Thomas Brierly, all of whom are graduates of local theatres.

Mr. Christie is now engaged as a director of the comedy staff of the Nestor Company at Universal City, Cal. He has produced some 116 pictures since he became director, and so successful has he been in this, the most difficult department of the business, that he has received frequent offers from other large concerns. The Nestor concern has three companies and each one produces a play a week. A moving picture magazine which has reached The Advertiser contains a photographic reproduction of Mr. Christie and his staff.

A Big Plant. Universal City, where the plant is located, is one of the most interesting localities in the country. There are several moving picture companies combined here. Together they have 18,000 acres over which they have Indians and Indians chase, the trains are held up, and the elopement and pursuit are conducted. There are more than three hundred houses in the community, and a band of Indians.

Universal City is organized as a regular city, and a Canadian, A. M. Kennedy, formerly of Winnipeg, is the mayor. He is the chief director of the enterprise as well as Mr. Christie is one of his senior men.

Mr. Edwards is located at Los Angeles with the Keystone people, and Mr. Brierly at San Antonio with the Monopol people.

Among the members of Mr. Christie's company is Miss Louise Glaum, whose interesting career was described in a recent moving picture article in The Advertiser by Miss Gertrude M. Price. Several scenarios that have been sold to the moving picture companies have been written in London by newspapermen and others. So that the city has aided in the evolution of the great industry or amusement to a small extent, at any rate.

Colone! Little
Still Improving

Col. J. W. Little showed continued improvement today, according to reports received from his home in London Township, where he has been lying seriously ill. If no relapse occurs there is reason to hope for his complete recovery.

CRUEL BULGARS SACK AND BURN TOWN OF SERES

Many of the Inhabitants Were
Crucified and Burned
Alive.

Fleeing Troops Reported to
Have Massacred 30,000
at Doiran.

[Canadian Press.] Saloniki, July 16.—Full confirmation of the reported sacking and burning of the Macedonian town of Seres by the fleeing Bulgarian troops and of the crucifixion, hacking to death or burning alive by them of many of the inhabitants, has been sent to the Austro-Hungarian Government by Consul-General August Kral of Saloniki.

Three-fourths of the formerly flourishing town of about 30,000 inhabitants is a mass of smoking ruins, says Consul-General Kral, who has just returned here from Seres, where he thoroughly investigated the situation. He had been ordered to inquire into the plundering and burning of the Austrian vice-consulate there, and the carrying off of Vice-Consul George C. Zlatko, by the marauding Bulgarians.

Another horrifying story of massacre reached here today from Doiran, a town 40 miles to the northwest of Saloniki. Mussulmans there have made a written declaration, countersigned by three local Bulgarian priests stating that the Bulgarians slaughtered 30,000 Mussulmans who had sought refuge in Doiran from the surrounding districts.

TURKEY'S CHANCE. [Canadian Press.] Constantinople, July 15.—The Turkish Government is determined to push forward the march of the Ottoman troops as far as the stronghold of Adrianople, captured by the Bulgarians after a prolonged siege during the recent Balkan war.

Although official circles in Constantinople are reticent on the subject, it is understood that such a forward step is the deliberate plan of the Turkish Government, which intends to take this bold action, not only because of the material advantages to be gained from such a move at the present time, but because of the moral effect it will have on the internal situation in Turkey.

An Important Move. It is expected that by this means the position of the Government will be strengthened and consolidated, and it also is felt that even if the powers insist on bringing pressure to bear to compel the maintenance of the frontier line between Turkey and Bulgaria from Enos on the Aegean Sea to Midia on the Black Sea, still Turkey will be in a position to enforce the autonomy of the Province of Thrace.

M. R. ALFRED CHRISTIE,
London boy who is directing important moving picture company in California.



WARFIELD REPORT SHOULD BE PUT IN THE HANDS OF VOTERS

Document Was Paid For by Citizens, and Should Be Given to
Them for Perusal Along With Eastman
Report.

That the Warfield report and the Eastman report on electrification should be published and placed in the hands of every property owner in London is the opinion expressed in many quarters.

The city paid these experts a considerable amount to prepare the reports. What purpose will they serve if they are not placed in the hands of the ratepayers? ask those who are interested in the revenue he figures on at 30-cent fare, such as is now charged. It is believed that he charged a much higher figure for fares in reaching this conclusion, although this is not definitely known.

Would Be a Knockout.

The business community of London, which has almost unanimously opposed the proposal to publish the scheme, knock-out blow it will be the perusal of that volume of verbiage prepared by Mr. Warfield. It invites the operations of the statistician. For instance, the report contains 104 pages. Each page is