

THE COMING GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA.

The Earl of Minto has been appointed Governor-General of Canada, in succession to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Gilbert John Elliott-Murray-Kynynmond, Earl of Minto and Viscount Melgund (U. K., 1813), Baron Minto (Great Britain, 1797), a baronet of Scotland (1797), wears the volunteer officers' decoration; was for a time lieutenant in the Scots Guards, and served in Afghanistan, Egypt, Canada, etc. He is a son of the 3rd earl, was born July 9, 1845, and succeeded to the title in 1891. He married in 1883, Mary Caroline, daughter of Gen. Hon. Charles Grey, and has two sons and three daughters, Lady Eileen Nina Evelyn Sibell, born 1884; Lady Ruby Florence Mary, born 1886; Lady Violet Mary, born 1889; Victor Gilbert Lariston Garnet, Viscount Melgund (heir), born 1891; and Gavin William Esmond, born 1895.

The Earl of Minto, as Lord Melgund, served as military secretary to Lord Lansdowne, when that statesman was governor-general of Canada, and was with Gen. Middleton in the operations against Riel in 1885, holding the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Canadian militia. He commands the South of Scotland volunteers with the rank of colonel.

The family seats are Minto House, Hawick, Roxburghe, and Melgund, Forfar, the London residence being 6 Audley square, W.

The family name is generally given as Eliot, the two other surnames being conventionally dropped.

Great satisfaction is expressed at Ottawa at the appointment of the Earl of Minto as governor-general of Canada, as during his residence in that city when he was Lord Melgund and military secretary to Lord Lansdowne during that governor's term of office, 1883-1888, both he and Lady Melgund accompanied General Middleton to the Northwest and did most excellent service there as he had previously done under Sir Frederick Roberts in Afghanistan and Natal, and also in the Egyptian campaign, during which he was wounded at Magfar, the first action after leaving Ismalia. His Lordship was born 9th July, 1845, and is consequently still a young man. He succeeded to his present title a few years ago on the death of his father.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Ste. Madeleine, July 26.—The barn of Mr. Frederick Danzereau was struck by lightning last evening, and was burned completely with other outbuildings. About seventy-five tons of hay and some agricultural implements were also destroyed.

Chatham, July 26.—The large refrigerator of the McNaughton-Walker Company in this city was almost destroyed by fire this morning. The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary. At this season the refrigerator is well filled with perishable goods, and the losses will be in the neighborhood of \$3,000.

Guelph, July 26.—The thunderstorm on Monday

was light in the vicinity of the city and did no damage. It was very heavy throughout Nassagaweya, however. Mr. Wm. Thomas of that township had 24 pure bred Cotswolds, valuable animals, killed by lightning. Ten of them were spring lambs and fourteen ewes. The animals were lying under a large elm tree near a creek. The tree was struck and shattered to atoms, and the sheep were instantly killed. They were insured in the Halton Mutual.

Ohsweken, July 26.—Lightning struck Sam. Styre's barn, on the Six Nation's Reserve, Monday morning at 9.30, completely destroying two barns, 25 tons of hay, barnful of wheat and oats, two horses and several farming implements. Loss about \$3,000; insurance about \$1,000.

Belleville, July 26.—Wm. Bell's barn in Thurlow and Mrs. Hill's barn in Tyendinaga were burned. The latter was struck by lightning last night. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

St. Catharines, July 26.—Yesterday's storm did considerable damage in this section. Fences were strewn along the roads, trees were hurled down and the fruit was blown off the trees, leaving many orchards almost ruined. In the Township of Louth the barns of Mr. John Cramer were struck by lightning and totally destroyed; all the season's crop was in. Just as the last load of hay was going in the lightning struck and nothing could be moved, Mr. Cramer's loss will be heavy; no insurance.

Pugwash, N.S., suffered severely from fire on the 25th inst. The fire started in Brown's brick warehouse. This with Brown's store, the American Hotel, Baptist church and the following residences are in ashes:—James Elliott's, H. T. Elliott's; Joseph Clarke's, Mrs. Clarke's, Mr. McLean's, Rufus Black, Lewis Borden's, Mrs. Power's. The Intercolonial Railway station was also burned.

Some months ago, the insurance rates at Pugwash were advanced considerably, resulting in many policies there being cancelled.

Montreal, Fire at Renaud, King & Paterson, Craig street. The following Companies are interested:—

	On Contents.	On Building.
Hartford.....	\$ 2,000	
L. L. & Globe.....	2,000	
Nor. Brit. & Mer.....	3,000	
Nor. Union.....	6,000	
Royal.....	5,000	
Scottish Union & Nat.....	2,500	
Sun.....		\$12,000
Lancashire.....		12,000
	\$20,500	\$24,000
	Abt. 70% loss	Abt. 12 1/2% loss

PERSONALS.

MR. B. HAL BROWN, the popular manager of the London & Lancashire Life, accompanied by Mrs. Hal Brown, arrived home from Europe, on Saturday, 23rd inst., on the R. M. S. "Labrador." Mr. Brown has returned from his first trip to Europe duly impressed with the majesty and glory of Great Britain, and the beauty and attractions of the gay capital of France, and, although prepared to admit with the poet, Dryden, that

"Home is the sacred refuge of our life."

he is quite ready to re-visit the United Kingdom and renew the many friendships formed there, at the earliest opportunity.