

COL. CAMPBELL RESIGNED BUT CHANGED DECISION

Pressure Brought to Bear on the Popular Head of the Seventh Regiment Induced Him to Remain in the Corps for the Present—Is Very Busy, and Would Like a Little Rest.

Lt.-Col. A. A. Campbell, of the Seventh Regiment, tendered his resignation the other day, but at the solicitation of the officers, he has withdrawn it, and will continue to head the popular local regiment for some time to come at least.

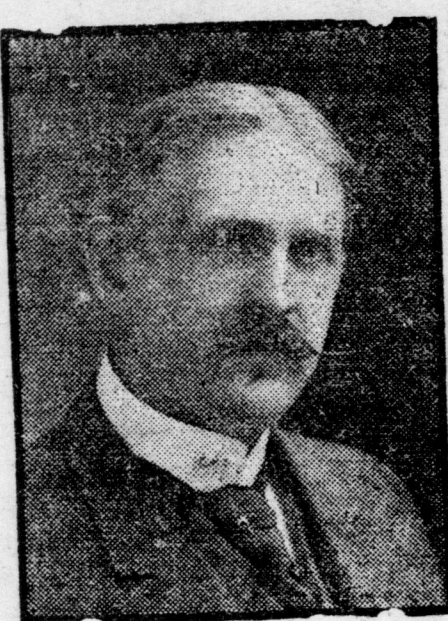
For some time Col. Campbell has desired to retire. His many duties make it almost impossible to devote to the regiment the attention he feels it requires, and on several occasions he has contemplated retiring into private life.

At a banquet tendered by himself to the officers of the regiment at the kennels on Saturday evening, Col. Campbell surprised them by making the official announcement of his retirement.

Don't Want to Lose Him.

The sentiment of those present was unanimous in requesting him to retain the position for the time being, and after much pressure was brought to bear, Col. Campbell was induced to withdraw the resignation, and this was done today.

He has given distinguished service to the regiment. He was an enthusiastic junior officer, and



LT.-COL. CAMPBELL.

since promoted to head the Seventh, he has brought the same energy to bear for the good of the corps. As a result, the regiment is in good condition, financially and otherwise. Major H. Campbell Becher, for the colonelcy, is next in line, having been recently promoted to the majorship.

CHAS. L. ELLIOTT DIED SUDDENLY

Albany Man Was Son of Late John Elliott, of the Phoenix Foundry.

LEFT LONDON YEARS AGO

Seized With an Attack of Pneumonia, He Passed Away in American City on Sunday.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Albany, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Charles L. Elliott, formerly general agent of the International Harvester Company in Albany, and for the past two years sales manager of the Lovejoy Plow Company, died of pneumonia on Sunday morning at 6 o'clock at his home at 43 South Lake avenue, after an illness of only four days.

Born in London, Ont., 47 years ago, Mr. Elliott arrived in Albany seventeen



CHARLES L. ELLIOTT.

years ago to accept the general agency for the Deering Harvester Company, and when the latter was merged with other companies in 1912, he was retained as general agent.

Mr. Elliott was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Commandery, of Cyprus Temple of the Shriners, and of Capital City Chapter, 242. He also was a member of the Albany Lodge of Elks.

The funeral will take place tomorrow from his home, and later at the Masonic Temple, in charge of the Shriners. Mr. Elliott is survived by his wife and one son.

The late Mr. Elliott was a son of the late John Elliott, at one time an extensive manufacturer of implements in this city, being the proprietor of the firm of John Elliott & Sons, of the Phoenix Foundry, on Bathurst street. He is survived by his mother, now residing with her daughter, Mrs. Edmundson, of Winnipeg; Mrs. J. K. Hall, of Vancouver, and two brothers, William and Corson, of Minneapolis and Windsor. Mr. Elliott left London nearly 20 years ago.

CONDUCTOR DOUGLAS HAS BEEN PENSIONED

Conductor F. Broad Is in Charge of Stratford Train.

Conductor F. Broad, of the Grand Trunk Railway, has been placed in charge of the accommodation train running from London to Stratford and from London to Sarnia alternately. He took charge today, succeeding Conductor A. Douglass, who reached the age limit recently and has been pensioned. Conductor Jack McCullough, the last of the men to be reinstated, takes Conductor Broad's former run to Hamilton.

WAR SITUATION IS ONCE MORE TENSE GUNS ARE BOOMING

Combined Bulgarian and Serbian Strength To Be Hurdled at Adrianople.

BULGARS AGREE TO SLIGHT CONCESSION

Last Hour Efforts Being Made to Prevent a Resumption of War in Balkans.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Feb. 3.—The war between Turkey and Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro will begin at 7 o'clock this evening, according to schedule, unless the efforts of the European powers to prevent a resumption of the fighting should succeed or turn the tide at the 11th hour to surrender to the allies.

It has even been decided who shall fire the first shot, and Turkey has stated that she will allow her adversaries to do that.

The immediate object of the armies of the allied Balkan nations is believed to be the capture of the fortress of Adrianople, which has hitherto presented such a firm front to all the efforts of the besiegers. Upon this fortress the combined Bulgarian and Serbian armies, well supplied with powerful siege armory, will concentrate their efforts.

For the present at any rate the Bulgarian generals will simply try to hold the large forces of Turkish troops concentrated behind the line of fortifications at Tchataldja for the defence of Constantinople.

Nicholas Takes Field.

King Nicholas of Montenegro has already started again for the Turkish fortress of Scutari, which also has hitherto held out bravely against every assault. The king will himself take the direction of a renewed attack in the hope that by capturing the city, and thus establishing an accomplished fact, Montenegro will obtain a better chance of keeping definite possession of it when peace finally comes.

In the western Turkish Province of Epirus, which touches the Grecian border, the Greek troops under command of Crown Prince Constantine, assert that they have great hopes of breaking down the splendid defence which the Turkish army has thus far offered. The Serbian armies alone of the Balkan allies have completed their campaign, and have placed many of their troops at the disposal of their comrades in the field. Some, however, must be kept in Albania, where, according to Italian advice, a rising against the invaders has been organized already.

Albanians Revolt.

It is declared that the Albanians with 8,000 rifles, under the command of Austrian officers, are taking the field, and it is stated that they have fought a battle at Dibra, where the Serbians lost heavily. The Albanians are said to be greatly irritated by the wholesale arrests of those among them who are suspected of being interested in the provisional government.

While the possible renewal of the war may put a strain upon the co-operation of the European powers they have thus far worked in harmony, and the departure of Prince Waldenburg-Schillingsturn from Vienna with an autograph letter from Emperor Francis Joseph to Emperor Nicholas of Russia gives additional hope that they will do so until the end.

The Turkish Government, like that of Bulgaria, announces that it will not allow newspaper correspondents to accompany the army, and the grand vizier, stated emphatically in the course of an interview today that he would not allow any of them within 20 miles of the lines.

Small Concession.

Bulgaria made a small concession today when she consented to the proposition. (Continued on Page Eleven.)

SOUTH LONDON MAY FORM A BOOSTER ASSOCIATION

Organization Meeting Will Be Held on Thursday Night.

South London residents for some weeks past have been talking of forming themselves into a Progressive Association to advance the municipal interests of their part of the city in a similar manner to the East and West London associations. Their wishes in this respect have come to a head, and they are holding an organization meeting in Shaw's Hall, South London, on Thursday night, when officers will be elected, and a constitution will be drawn up. Mr. Joseph Lawrence is one of the principal movers in the matter, and states that a great many of the prominent residents will join the society.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COLDER.

Today—Light snowfalls. Tuesday—Strong northwest winds, and becoming decidedly colder.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	47	34	Snow
Victoria	42	34	Cloudy
Winnipeg	28	—8	Clear
Port Arthur	28	—12	Clear
Parry Sound	22	20	Snow
Toronto	29	20	Snow
Ottawa	24	18	Snow
Quebec	20	16	Cloudy
Father Point	18	16	Fair
Minus (—) means below zero.			

Weather Notes.

There are indications that an important disturbance will now develop near the middle Atlantic coast, and that the very pronounced cold wave now covering the Western Provinces will spread eastward across Ontario and Quebec.

Storm signals are displayed along the Atlantic coast.

"The Bear" Saw His Shadow

"The bear" if there is one in this vicinity, saw his shadow yesterday, and if the ancient belief is correct, there will be six weeks more winter of rather a strenuous variety in London.

Sunday was Candlemas Day, when all perfectly good bears are supposed to cease sucking their paws and come forth to view the world. If Old Sol is doing business, the bears leave a sigh and go back to abstract the nourishment remaining in the sadly-shrunken paw.

Of late, bears have been rather scarce in this vicinity, and weather prognosticators have had to substitute groundhogs for the above purpose. The latter have not been as successful as regular bears, but it is presumed that they have at least been moderately so.

In any event, whether it be groundhog, chipmunk or bear, he or they saw a shadow on the Sabbath.

MAJOR BEATTIE DENIES RESPONSIBILITY IN CASE

Claims He Had Nothing To Do With the Dismissal of Dr. Campbell.

Major Thomas Beattie, M. P., disclaims all responsibility for the dismissal of Dr. C. T. Campbell, formerly postoffice inspector. He stated today that it was done without consulting him, or without asking him his opinion regarding it.

"I had absolutely nothing to do with it," he declared. "In fact, I did not know that he had been dismissed until after he was relieved of his duties."

It was done without my knowledge or consent. It seems that charges had been made against Dr. Campbell by members from the London district, I was informed afterwards, and his removal was on this account.

No information could be obtained as to the nature of the charges made by these outside members, but it is understood that they desired things done in an irregular way, and as Dr. Campbell refused to do things in the way they suggested, his job was taken from him.

"I am sorry for Dr. Campbell," added Major Beattie. "I had nothing to do with his dismissal."

BOY FELL THROUGH TRAP DOOR AND WAS VERY BADLY INJURED

George Willox, of 49 Evergreen Ave., in Serious Condition at Victoria Hospital.

George Willox, the 9-year-old son of William Willox, 49 Evergreen avenue, fell through a trapdoor at his home on Saturday afternoon, sustaining injuries of a very serious nature. He was removed to Victoria Hospital, where his life was despaired of for a time. He spent a comfortable night, however, and this morning hopes of his recovery are entertained.

The little fellow was playing about the house, and in running around the kitchen, rushed into the pantry. A trapdoor had been left open, and the lad not noticing it, fell to the basement 9 feet below, alighting on his head and shoulders. He was rendered unconscious, and his condition was apparently very serious. Dr. James D. Wilson was summoned, and ordered the patient removed to Victoria Hospital. When he reached there he was suffering from convulsions, and the medical men were afraid that he would not recover. Sunday, he suffered greatly, but towards evening he rallied, and is this morning much better.

It is expected that he will recover now.



GEORGE WILLOX.

VICTIM OF WRECK ON G. T. R. DIED AS RESULT OF INJURIES

James O'Neil, of Lucan, Succumbed to Pneumonia Following Operation.

James O'Neil, of Lucan, the cattle-dealer, who was badly injured in the collision of Wabash freight trains at Glencoe on Jan. 12, died on Saturday evening at Victoria Hospital from pneumonia. He had been confined to that institution ever since his injury.

On the night of the accident Mr. O'Neil was rushed to Victoria Hospital. He was severely injured, his right arm being broken, and he was badly shaken up. It was thought that he would recover, but gangrene developed in his arm, and it was necessary to amputate it, which was done last week.

Pneumonia developed after the operation, and from that time no hope was entertained for his recovery. Mr. O'Neil was too weak to withstand the disease, and he gradually sank, until his death followed on Saturday evening.

Deceased was well known in Middlesex County. He was the only son of Mr. Artemus and Mrs. O'Neil, lot 19, con. 15, London Township, and was but 26 years of age. He had resided all his life in London Township.

Mr. O'Neil, who was unmarried, is survived by his parents, and two sisters, Misses Jane and Rebecca May, at home.

The funeral was held this afternoon from his late residence, and was private. Interment was made at the English Church Cemetery at Birr.

SUBNORMAL CHILDREN ARE VERY NUMEROUS IN LONDON

Problem of Dealing With Such Cases Is Matter of Much Concern.

Sheriff Cameron stated to The Advertiser this morning that the number of sub-normal children in the city of London is a source of much anxiety, and the best method of dealing with the cases is a matter of much concern to the members of the Children's Aid Society. "Heretofore," said the sheriff, "the Orillia Asylum has afforded shelter for the vast majority of the cases, and is now taxed to the utmost, and also a large waiting list. But even the provisions made at Orillia fail to meet the cases of children who are capable of being developed into self-supporting citizens, although lacking the mental endowments which make them proficient at school."

Matter Investigated.

"The Children's Aid Society of this city," he continued, "had occasion to look into the question from the point of view of their obligations to the abandoned and deserted children of the city, and had concluded that the industrial schools at Mimico or East Toronto were the only available institutions for the maintenance of such under conditions that would develop their latent powers. But at the meeting of the last week of these schools, held in Toronto last week, Principal Ferrier of the Victoria Industrial school at Mimico, stated that his institution has been made a dumping ground for mentally deficient

boys, and that 20 per cent of those now in that institution are either feeble-minded or on the border line. The report of Miss Brooking, the principal of the Alexandra School for Girls, was even more startling; for it stated that 46 per cent of the girls were mentally deficient, and of these some so degenerate that it would be criminal to let them loose upon the country."

Segregated in Home.

"A number of the states, principally those in the west," said Sheriff Cameron, "have dealt with the question of degeneracy and mental deficiency by the establishment of homes where that class is permanently segregated. In Toronto, the board of education has established a school for the mental laggards, and the reports to the board show emphatic results of benefit to the children. The local Children's Aid Society feel that London will have to deal in some practical way with the question that is of so vast importance to the future of the country."

PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT FOR NEW INDUSTRIES

Mr. J. Grant Henderson Hopes to Land Some Factories.

Mr. J. Grant Henderson, commissioner of industries, is hopeful that during the next few months he will obtain a number of industries for the city. At the present time he is negotiating with several, with the possibilities of success very bright.

THE WHITNEY GOVERNMENT IS BADLY FRIGHTENED

Attempting Through Organs to Becloud the Issue of Tax Reform by Misrepresenting Views of Liberal Leader—Local Option in Taxation Is Mr. Rowell's Proposal.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 3.—It is not difficult to see that the Government is badly frightened over the tax reform problem. Mr. Rowell's tour has focussed attention on the subject throughout the province, and has definitely revealed the fact that the great majority of all classes of the population in cities and country districts alike are demanding tax reform, and are opposed to the reactionary stand of Sir James Whitney. To effect this movement, the Government organs are making what is evidently a preconcerted effort to becloud the issue. Within one day both the Mail and Empire and the News have had leading editorials going on the assumption that Mr. Rowell favors single tax, and arguing that increased assessment on land would be a hindrance not a benefit to the farmer. They point out the dissimilarity of conditions in cities and rural districts, and paint a pathetically lugubrious picture of the woes that would fall on the farming communities.

Raising a Bogey.

Of course, these papers are only raising a bogey with which to scare their readers. Mr. Rowell is not defending single tax. He is simply contending (1) for a general reduction of the tax on improvements as compared with the land, and (2) for the right of municipalities to make a further reduction if they see fit.

He realizes, as do the Conservative organs, that conditions in the country are different from those in the city, and that is the very reason why municipalities should be given local option.

STRATHROY MAN, AGED 99, FELL DEAD FROM HIS CHAIR

William Rundell Leaves a Large Fortune, But as Far as Can Be Learned, Has Not a Relative in the World.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Strathroy, Feb. 3.—William Rundell, aged 99, fell over dead while sitting in his chair in front of the fire at his home here last evening. It was Mr. Rundell's boast that he had never been sick a day in his life, and also that he had never missed attending church every Sunday for over 75 years. Death came without a moment's warning. Mr. Rundell simply fell over in his chair, and was dead when his housekeeper, Miss Allan, reached him.

Mr. Rundell leaves a large fortune, but who will get it is not yet known, as so far as can be learned he had not a relative in the world. Only a few months ago his only niece died and left him her whole estate, estimated at \$30,000. It is expected that the Anglican Church, of which he was a member, will benefit.

Mr. Rundell was a native of Cornwall. He came to this country as a young man and had resided in Metcalfe for over 60 years.

USE SICKNESS AS AN EXCUSE TO STAY AWAY FROM SCHOOL

Many Children Do This, and the Sheriff Says They Walk the Streets.

On Saturday Sheriff Cameron received a communication from a well-known lady of the city in which she indicated the impediments placed in the way to prevent children of the school age from attending school. The writer stated that in a large number of cases mentioned the parents gave as the reason for the non-attendance of their children the fact that there were some members of the family afflicted with contagious diseases, and she states that this excuse has been made use of for a year.

Unfortunately, it appears that the sheriff has no power to ascertain the truth or falsity of these representations, and the result in the cases complained of is that the children are on the streets during almost all of their waking hours.

A Case in Point.

The sheriff mentioned one case in particular where the parents have taken an apparent dislike to the public school system, and have by means of the above excuse made it possible for their children to remain away from school. The children are very young, being only 8 or 9 years of age, and no reasons can be ascertained other than the one cited why the children are not allowed to attend school. It is altogether probable that the Children's Aid Society will investigate the circumstances mentioned by the sheriff's correspondent.

A RATHER SPEEDY MARRIAGE IN POLICE COURT OF LONDON

The record for short engagements and speedy marriages in this city was broken this morning, when two natives of Poland, Miss Zenia Bucaka and Sedar Hootnick, were married by Canon Tucker, of St. Paul's Cathedral. Hootnick, along with John Lastzky, was committed for trial by Police Magistrate Judd on Jan. 22, on a charge of committing an assault, the victim being the bride of today. The two men appeared before Judge Elliott last week, and elected to be tried by him, and the trial was entered for Monday.

Before the court opened this morning the bride and groom-to-be had a talk, and decided to get married immediately.

Upon giving this information to the court, the trial was adjourned until 12:15, and Crown Attorney McKillop did all possible to assist the couple in their desire for married life. He arranged with Ald. E. H. Johnston for the marriage license, and also tried to get Rev. T. B. Clarke to perform the ceremony, as the couple desired that this clergyman officiate. Rev. Mr. Clark was out of town, and Rev. Canon Tucker was secured to do the knot.

Two accused men, stated that the couple had intended to get married, but not for some time, and he thought that the charge had been brought against the men through jealousy on the girl's part.



MR. JAMES O'NEIL, Lucan man, who was hurt in wreck at Glencoe and died in Victoria Hospital.