

on his return. Whilst he was in the North West Territory, he made the acquaintance of my grand-uncle, the late Colin Campbell, then a clerk, but afterwards a Chief Factor of the Hudsons Bay Company, and in consideration of some services rendered to him, Sir John presented him as a souvenir, with a small and short square copper candlestick, which he had been in the habit of using during his journey. This gift was made at *Fort Chipewyan* past *Athabasca Lake*, on July 16th, 1825, and on reference to Franklin's Narrative of his Second Expedition to the Shores of the Polar Sea in 1825, 26 and 27, published in London, 1828, 4to, at page 7 I find the following reference to my uncle :—

“Mr. Campbell, the clerk in charge, cheerfully gave me the benefit of his experience in making out lists of such things as we were likely to want, and in assorting and packing them.”

I learnt many years after this date, that a firm friendship had been formed between my relative and Franklin. On my uncle's visit to Montreal, with his family, he gave the candlestick to his sister Elizabeth, who was then living with her elder brother. James Ellice Campbell, (my grandfather), at Current St. Mary, and I am happy to say, though she is a very aged lady now, she is alive and well. Having seen and admired it scores of times, I persuaded her to present the candlestick to me, which she did on 26 December, 1845, some 20 years after it had been in Franklin's possession. I am particular in these minute details, because this essentially Canadian relic, is known to many persons in London, and has often been coveted for some of the Museums.

The candlestick seems to be wholly of copper, probably at one time bronzed, is very substantially made, 5 inches high, has a bottom $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches square, and weighs $9\frac{1}{2}$ ounces; it is of a size therefore that was found most convenient for a traveller, and probably a thick and short wax candle was used in it, as the diameter of the mouth is