

Prominent Island-Born Officer Dies In Ontario

A native Islander who spent a lifetime in the service of his country, Lieutenant-Colonel S.S. Weatherbie died Monday in Carleton Place, Ontario. He was in his 83rd year.

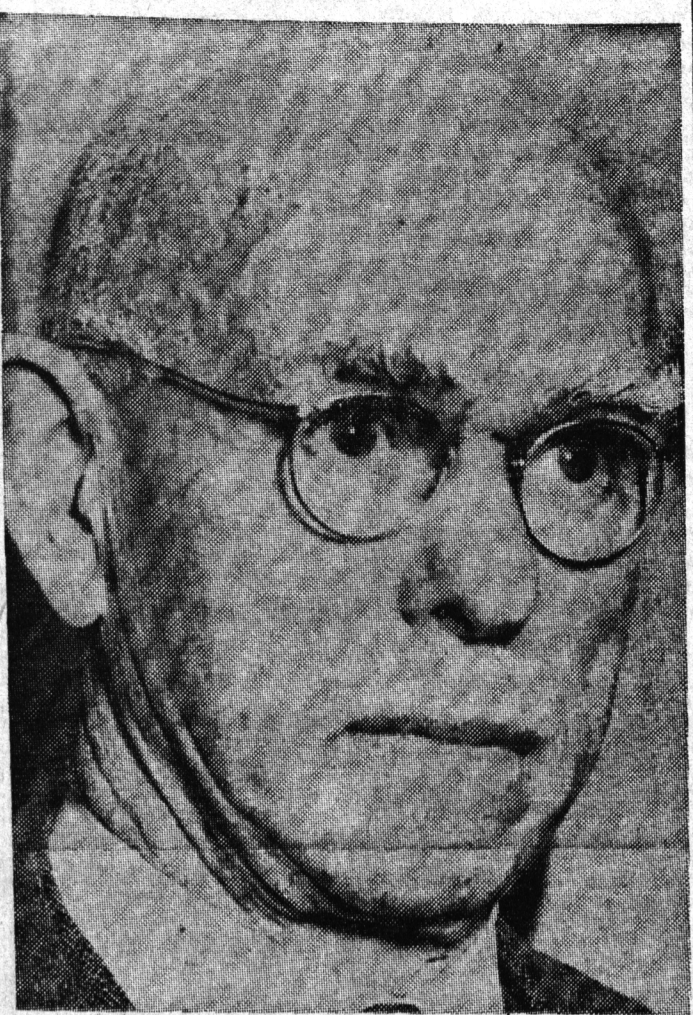
Known in military circles as "the father of Canadian munitions," Lt.-Col. Weatherbie was born in Georgetown, April 28, 1876.

On Dominion Day 1890 he attended summer camp at Charlottetown as a member of the 4th Regiment, P.E.I. Artillery and thereby commenced a military career that spanned 55 years and encompassed three major conflicts - the Boer War, the Great War, and World War Two.

It was largely due to the initiative and ability of this Island officer that, starting from scratch in 1914, Canada was three years later supplying 75 per cent of the 18-pounder shells used by the British Forces in the Great War.

Following his initial debut, the late Lt.-Col. Weatherbie served in various reserve artillery formations until January 1896. At that time he was afforded the opportunity to attend a short course at the Royal School of Artillery in Quebec, graduating therefrom he then joined the regular force Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery.

Three years later the young soldier was chosen to take the Artillery Long Course at Shoeburness and Woolwich in England. There, passing out with an average of 87 per cent, he obtained a gunner's First Class Certificate.



THE LATE LT.-COL. WEATHERBIE

A CANADIAN FIRST

In 1900 he had the distinction of being chosen as the first Canadian to take the tough, highly competitive Master Gunners Course at England's Ordnance College. He qualified first in a class of 33 having made a high average of 91 per cent. He scored Special Mention (91 or over) in four subjects, and was also awarded a Special Mention Certificate.

As a member of the Ordnance College unit, he had the privilege of attending the funeral of Queen Victoria. In May 1901, he returned once more to Canada and within a few months became the senior Warrant Officer in the army. He was then only 25 years old.

By 1903 he had attained the rank of Captain and on the formation of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps was appointed its first Staff Officer.

Following another trip to England in 1907 to attend the 10th Ordnance Class, young Weatherbie (now a major) served as senior ordnance officer for the Maritimes, inspecting ordnance officer for land and naval munitions, and commandant of the ordnance school.

These years of training enabled him to step into the breach at a critical time when, in 1912, the quality of Canadian ammunition being made at Quebec was questioned. Because of faulty primers, all the cartridges at Quebec were condemned.

Major Weatherbie was ordered from Halifax to Quebec, when doubt was cast on the serviceability of the Quebec 18-pounder shell.

SHELLS DEFECTIVE

According to the rules of inspection, all the shells made there were found defective and dangerous to use. In special firing tests, every shell used was bad.

A commission was invited out from England and it confirmed Major Weatherbie's findings.

Reorganization of the arsenal

became an immediate necessity and the late Lt.-Col. Weatherbie was made assistant superintendent in full charge of the manufacture. He arrived August 4, 1912—exactly one year before the outbreak of World War I.

By February, 1914, he had sent samples of the new shells to England and in May the report came back. All were 100 per cent satisfactory. By war's outbreak the making of shells and shell cases was well under way.

Canada put into play manufacturing methods hitherto unknown and initiated the "shadow factory" system of turning out shells.

Hitherto shrapnel shells made in England had been produced by steel firms as a sideline. There was no equivalent setup in Canada. Quebec shells had been made from imported English steel.

NEW METHOD

But experiments now made proved shells could be made from "basic" steel as well as from the "acid" steel used in England. Thus Quebec could make use of the "basic" steel production in Canada and the United States.

When a war order for shells was issued, manufacturers in the United States and Canada were urged to go to Quebec to see how shells were produced.

As the sole person conversant with the new methods, Lt.-Col. Weatherbie spent six weeks there lecturing to would-be munitions makers.

He travelled 55,000 miles in the first few years of the war, acting as technical adviser to the Munitions Board and the manufacturers as well as supervising the work at the Quebec Arsenal.

Canada's introduction of the use of the tremendous tonnage of available basic steel for shell making proved reliable.

By 1916 a War Office report stated: "Canadian steel. The steel used in the manufacture of Canadian shells is equal, if not superior, to that used in English shells."

In all, Canada supplied munitions to the value of \$1100 million including 63 million shells and 44 million shell cases.

Because of her record and experience thus gained, her part as a supplier for the Allies in World War II became assured.

CALLED AS ADVISER

By then, Col. Weatherbie was in retirement. Unable to meet the medical requirements for the Army, he was called out of retirement nevertheless to act as adviser to the Department of Munitions and Supply on brass cartridge making.

In this capacity he travelled another 45,000 miles.

Prior to moving permanently to Ontario, the late Lt.-Col. Weatherbie lived for many years in Bellevue, P. E. I. following the end of the first World War.

He is survived by his second wife, the former Mrs. Gladys Houston; one son, Alfred, a resident of Charlottetown; and one daughter, Lorna, Mrs. Murdoch McGowan, Kilmuir.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed at a late hour last night.

Funeral Services Are Held For Captain Lake

MONTAGUE — The funeral of the late Captain George Lake, who passed away in Montague on Saturday was held from Trinity United Church on Tuesday September 23rd.

Rev. J.M. Fraser conducted the service assisted by Rev. D.A. Campbell of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church who read the scripture lesson and also led in prayer.

Taking as his text Matthew 14:25, "In the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea." Mr. Fraser gave a solacing message to the bereaved relatives.

The hymns sung were "The Lord's My Shepherd," "Abide With Me," and "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer," with the solo part being taken by Mrs. Arnold Wightman.

The legion service at the grave was conducted by Comrade Millar Matheson with Bugler George Boudreault sounding the Last Post and Reveille.

The Masonic Service was under the direction of brother Larry Johnston.

Pallbearers were: George Pierce, Lorne Wigginton, William MacEachern, Harry MacGregor, James Lowery and Roy Clow.

Interment was in the Montague Community Cemetery.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Chosen as 1958 recipient of a Canada Packers scholarship, Allison MacLean (left) of Bangor, Prince Edward Island accepts a cheque for \$300 from Mr. G.E. Hartlen, manager of the Charlottetown plant. This award is presented annually by the Charlottetown branch of the nationwide packing company to a P.W.C. student commencing third year work, and is based on academic achievement in prior years. Mr. MacLean's record was termed "very outstanding" by the P.W.C. Registrar and Director of

Studies, Professor Gordon Bennett. Completing Second Year work last year after an interval of four years, one spent in teaching and the other three in the R.C.A.F.'s Telecommunications Branch, Mr. MacLean is a candidate for the Church of Scotland ministry.

Lady Celebrates 90th Birthday

MONTAGUE — Mrs. Melinda Henderson quietly celebrated her 90th birthday at the home of Mrs. Alex Campbell, Lower Montague, on September 18th.

Many friends and relatives visited with her during the afternoon and evening. Among the many gifts she received was a sweater from her friend, Miss Rossey, Bronx, N. Y.

Her guests included her niece,

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Mrs. Emery MacNeill reported for the visiting committee, Mrs. MacNeill and Mrs. Stewart Dewar were reappointed to the visiting

BLAST WRECKS FACTORY

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—Three persons died and several others were injured in an explosion that destroyed a dye factory in the village of Rubi Monday. Rescue workers digging in the ruins of the plant believe more dead may be found. Cause of the explosion was not determined.

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TODAY - THUR. — CAPITOL

How To Promote Athletics At MHS Discussed By H. And S.

MONTAGUE—What the Home and School can do to promote athletics in the school was one of the topics under discussion at the opening meeting of the association at Montague High School, Monday night.

Mrs. J.D. MacLeod, president, was in the chair.

Reports were heard from various committees.

It was decided the association sponsor a play which will be staged by the Montague dramatic workshop.

In connection with the discussion on athletics, Ralph Beck volunteered to coach school hockey teams during the winter.

John Ballen was appointed on the committee to arrange transportation for children from Montague who will take part at Charlottetown on September 27th.

Another subject which was discussed pro and con was the distribution of prizes to the pupils at the Memorial School. There will be further discussion at a later meeting.

Parents are invited to come and take part in these meetings. The next being held on Monday, Oct. 13th.

GENTLE CONSTIPATION RELIEF

TAKE PHILLIPS' MILK OF MAGNESIA TONITE

WAKE UP FRESH FEELING FINE!

Family Of Five Homeless As Flames Destroy House

ST. PETER'S—Breaking out early yesterday evening fire completely destroyed a two-story frame dwelling located on the Cardigan Road approximately one and one-half miles from this Kings County centre.

Made homeless by the blaze were the owner, Henry J. Thompson, a former employee of the Department of Transport, C.G.S. Brant, his wife, and three small children.

Only the kitchen stove and a trunk were salvaged in the face of the fire's quick onslaught.

Reportedly originating on the second floor in the vicinity of the chimney, the fire had gained such headway before being noticed that the family was forced to evacuate the premises immediately.

Efforts of neighbors to stem the blaze proved futile.

Funeral Held Of E. M. Sanderson

The funeral of the late Ernest M. Sanderson was held yesterday afternoon from his late residence at Greenwich where services were conducted by Rev. J.M. Sheen. During the service the choir sang "The Beautiful Land."

Flower bearers were Tupper MacEwen, Almon MacEwen, Wayne Sanderson, and Ray Beaton. The pallbearers were Walter Squires, Sherman Tremere, George MacEwen, Frank MacLaren, Earl MacEwen and Lyman Tremere.

Interment was in the Midgell Cemetery.

The late Mr. Sanderson, a prominent and successful farmer, died at his home early Saturday evening.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Lyman, on the home farm, and Ralph, a resident of Millville, and two daughters, Mrs. Clifford MacEwen, Morell, and Mrs. Ruby MacGuire, Charlottetown.

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Sept. 24

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EASTERN GUARDIAN

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THE ROSENEATH Beauty Shop will be open for business from September 24th.

CANADIAN LEGION Weekly Dance, Cardigan, Thursday night. Webster's Orchestra. Canteen service.

HEAR Mr. Lew Harris, well known and loved fisherman from Beech Point, in a special afternoon service in the Montague Bible Chapel. This Sunday at 3 p.m. Special singing.

PERSONALS

The many friends of Fred Bennett, Morell, are sorry to know he has entered the P.E.I. Island Hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Roulston Graham and young son Jackie have returned home to Murray River after spending an enjoyable trip visiting friends and relatives in Halifax and New Glasgow N.S.

Mrs. Mark Connors and daughter, Miss Fannie Connors, Trenton, N.S., were recent guests of Mrs. Alex Campbell and the King family in Lower Montague.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edgett, Shediac, N.B., were recent visitors to Lower Montague, where they were the guests of Mrs. Alex Campbell. Also visiting Mrs. Campbell was her niece, Miss Violet MacLeod, Moncton, N.B.

Mrs. Edwin Hanscom, Newtonville, Mass., arrived in Montague on Friday to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. J. H. MacGregor.

Major and Mrs. W. H. Poole, Charlottetown, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Poole, Montague.

Word has been received by Mrs. Heath Larter Hampshire of the death in Quincy, Mass on Sept. 18th of her aunt Mrs. Catherine Blue Russell formerly of Little Sands. Funeral services were held Saturday Sept. 20th from the United Presbyterian Church, Quincy, Mass.