

Ernest Perry, a Britisher by birth, a Canadian by adoption, a soldier by choice and for several years a member of the postal service in Lindsay, passed away while a patient in the Ross Memorial Hospital recently. He was in his 95th year.

The late Ernest Perry arrived in Lindsay as a lad of eleven years, spent some time at Cobourg, worked on a farm near Cresswell for a number of years, then moved to Lindsay to enter the bakery business with W. B. Fee who operated a business on Caroline Street.

Later Mr. Perry worked with James Allen who owned a bakery business on Victoria Avenue and before entering the postal service he was head baker for Wileman's Bakery on Kent Street East.

Mr. Perry was best known as a Letter Carrier in Lindsay, an occupation which he enjoyed and in serving the citizens of Lindsay he won the confidence of many people and was quite popular as he discharged his duties faithfully and well.

One of Mr. Perry's hobbies after his retirement was his fine vegetable and flower garden in which he took a great deal of pride, and he always took time to stop and talk to friends and passers by when he was able to be up and about.

The late Ernest Perry was one of the original members of the 109th Battalion organized in Victoria and Haliburton, and he saw service overseas. On his return to Lindsay he became the first President of the Great War Veterans' Association and was largely instrumental in the formation of the

Royal Canadian Legion with headquarters on York Street.

He was also a member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows No. 100, Lindsay, and members of the Order gathered at the Mackey Funeral Home to hold a special service.

Left to mourn the loss of a devoted father are the following sons and daughters: Alvin Perry of Trenton; Andrew Perry of Lindsay; Mrs. Stafford Teatro (Lila), and Mrs. Roy Head (Della) also of Lindsay; and Mrs. Charles Murtagh (Olive) of Detroit, Mich.

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A handy and useful gentleman to have around at any time is a popular curler by the name of Charlie Heels. Active on curling, the key man at the Lawn Bowling Club, a key man member of the Masonic Order and a retired railway man who is not by any means tired.

The C.N.R. Reporter-Pensioner tabloid has this to say of Charles Heels:

### **KEEPS INTEREST IN RAILROADING**

Lindsay — Charlie Heels started railroading in 1912, and is still at it.

Not working for the railroad of course. Charlie retired as assistant division supervisor of car service here 6 years ago, but his interest in railroading is as deep and personal now as it was during his 48 years of service.

For one thing, he is secretary-treasurer of the CN Pensioners Association at Lindsay. This means he helps organize periodic meetings, which bring together old-timers from this area. They take care of association business, then sit around and talk shop, mostly about the great old days.

“There was lots of action in those days,” writes Charlie in a letter to CN Reporter. “It sometimes took ten hours to go 100 miles, and derailments were part of everyday living in the winter time”.

There were few highways, even fewer trucks, and everything moved by rail, he says.

One of Charlie Heels' hobbies is locomotive pictures, which he started taking when he first joined the Grand Trunk in 1912. What with his own photographs, and the ones he's traded with other railroad buffs, he now has six albums containing nearly 1,200 engine pictures.

With all these activities, Charlie Heels doesn't have many dull moments. He's living proof of the adage: “Once a railroader, always a railroader.”