

Prominent Cleric, Rev. Dr. M. A. Campbell To Retire September 16

1962
One of the Paisley district's most eminent sons, Very Rev. Dr. Malcolm Arthur Campbell, 86, one of the most highly regarded educators and spiritual leaders in Montreal, has resigned as minister of First Presbyterian Church in Montreal, reports *The Montreal Star*, which goes on to say of Dr. Campbell:

He was its minister for 52 years, chairman of the Montreal Protestant Board of School Commissioners for 30 years, and for half a century has been a leading member of organizations aiding the poor, guiding the wayward and raising the fallen.

Montreal Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Canada has before it a proposal that Dr. Campbell be recognized as minister-emeritus of First Church at Jeanne Mance and Prince Arthur Streets.

Dr. Campbell's resignation was contained in a letter read to Montreal Presbytery at its meeting June 17. It was accepted on grounds that Dr. Campbell "de-

voided the opportunity" to retire from the pulpit, and with the assurance that "he will be missed by us all and knows that he will never be forgotten."

Dr. Campbell, the "grand old man" of First Presbyterian, who served two years as moderator of the church in Canada, has consistently asserted that hard work itself gave him the energy to carry on in the numerous fields of religious and educational work.

"They've been trying to get rid of me," he grinned in April 1960 when fellow churchmen and his flock helped him celebrate 50 years as the first and only minister of First Presbyterian. In fact, people kept coming to his church from all sectors of Montreal and from places miles outside it.

The Montreal Protestant Board of School Commissioners set a precedent in March, 1961, by naming Malcolm Campbell High School in his honor, while he was living.

Dr. Campbell's resignation—to be effective September 16—was tendered almost six months to the day after the death of his wife. She was the former Mary Louise Crippen, whom he met while he was a student minister

visiting Troy Falls, N.Y., where she was church organist. Mrs. Campbell died Dec. 21.

Dr. Campbell is a native of Bruce County, Ontario, a son of Scottish parents and a graduate of McGill University and the Presbyterian College at Montreal. He was inducted minister of First Church in 1910. First Church was formed by joining St. Gabriel's Church and Chalmers' Church.

The Masons of Quebec honored him in 1934 by electing him Grand Master. He was made an honorary life member of the Canadian Branch of the Royal Caledonia Curling Club in 1960. He was president of the Highland Society for 25 years and is a life member of the St. Andrew's Society and Caledonia Society. He has been a member of the Prisoner's Aid and John Howard Society for 45 years and of the Rotary Club for 20 years.

He has been a member of the Thistle Curling Club since 1916 and for 30 years has held an annual curlers' service in First Church.

Rev. Dr. R. J. Berlis, minister of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, paid this tribute yesterday to Dr. Campbell:

"He has been a true minister to his people in their times of

crisis. . . His ministry has been wider than his congregation."

Dr. Campbell's letter of resignation, addressed to the clerk of the Presbytery of Montreal, Very Rev. C. Ritchie Bell, was considered typical. It covered a 52-year ministry and the reasons for his resignation in three paragraphs.

"In view of the great responsibility the 'First' (Church) still has to its congregation, the Presbytery and in fact to the whole church at large," it ended, "and in my inability to be as active as I should like to be, I am asking therefore that I be relieved of the charge and responsibilities for reasons none other than my great love and affection for First Church and its future."

*Pat & Gary Sawyer
graduated class
1962*

Following the program, there was a reception, and cameras were heard clicking all over the room, as people snapped the '74 class of Grad.

Listed as follows are members of the graduating class:

Shaun Armstrong, Wanda Broderick, Michael Byers, John Clazie, Allan Curtis, David Daley, Janet DeBoer, John Dollar, Barry Dunlop, Ellen Durst, Lance Gibbons, Roger Green, Michael Hatcher, David Hornsby, Ross Horton, Doris Kay, Lori Luscombe, Carole Marchand, Wayne Martin, Robert Menage, Brian Norman, Nancy Snyder, Joanne Stanley, Steven Stewart, Marlene Stickings, Lee Strongman, Drew Symonds, Cameron Taylor, Mary Underwood, Judy Unsworth, Gail Vaillancourt, Jerry Vanhaelemeesch, Cheryl Verznick, Debbie Weiford, Robert Wright.

Donnie Ball, Nancy Bath, Judy Beranek, Yvonne Borg, Cindy Brabant, Hugh Cameron, Patty Cook, Gary Couling, Cathy Ford, Todd Gibbons, Mark Groh, Christine Harting, Dianne Jacques, Jackie Kay, Daniel Keenan, Robbie Lawlor, Gary Lawrence, Gail MacDonald, Morris MacPherson, Don McArthur, Becky Meeks, Stephen Nuttall, Kim Panke, Susan Peirson, Martha Rickerby, Bob Seabrook, Jim Steadman,

Rob Stewart, Leigh Sunderland, Barry Thede, Linda Thede and Kerry Turcotte

PROMINENT CITIZENS RECEIVED EDUCATION AT SS No. 6 IN SAUGEEN

A history of School Section No. 6 in the Township of Saugeen, from the date of its formation in 1838 to the present year, 1962—a period of 194 years—was partly compiled by the late Robert McKechnie, former reeve of the township and for many years secretary of the school board, up to the time of his death in 1950.

Around the years 1834 and 1835, the first settlers began to locate in the southeastern portion of Saugeen Township. Among the early settlers in this district were the Pallocks, Nicholsons, McKechnies, Chrsties, Hardys, Lamonts, Murkars, Campbells, McGillivrays, Camerons and McLeods. These early pioneers were mostly highland Scots who knew the need of education and decided to give their children the advantage of schooling. So they organized a school section and decided to build a school.

The first board of trustees was composed of Donald Christie, George Cameron and Archibald

McLeod, and they bought the present school site from Gilbert Lamont on part of lot 28 in concession 3 of Saugeen Township, for the sum of five shillings. In 1838 they prepared to build a school.

The first school was built of logs, and most of the work was done by gratis labor. The first seats were benches, some of them made from logs split in two. Six teachers were employed in the log school until 1872, and in 1873 the present brick structure was built, the contractor being James Muir of Port Elgin. At a later date a well was dug, but previous to this the water was carried from the farm of Alexander Campbell, a distance of a quarter of a mile. After the brick school was erected, homemade desks were installed and, at a later date, new blackboards were purchased and set up on the walls.

One of the foremost teachers in the next 12 years was Alexander Skene, who taught for five years. The attendance then was very heavy, with over 90 on the

roll and an average attendance of about 75. The trustees decided to start a night school and lamps were purchased. Mr. Skene was engaged to teach the day and night school at a salary of \$300 per year.

In 1900 a school library was started, which at the present consists of over 1,000 volumes. In 1932 an organ was purchased for the school, and also two hanging lamps were placed, to give light for night meetings and entertainments. About the same time the front wall of the school required repairs and the trustees replaced it with a new wall, which greatly improved the appearance of the building. Hydro was installed in 1941.

The school inspectors during the period referred to above were Mr. Murray, A. Campbell, W. I. Chisholm, W. F. Bald, G. C. Dolson, J. M. Game, W. S. Hougham and D. W. Simpson.

Some of the secretaries of the school board during the period were Donald Christie, Archibald Pullack, Archibald Campbell, Thomas Turner, John McMillan, Gilbert Christie, Robert McKechnie, Archibald McEwing and Gilbert McClinton. The number of teachers employed during the 194 years was approximately 52.

Reeves residing in the school section from the time of its formation were the following: Gilbert Christie for three years, Donald Christie for eight years, and Robert McKechnie for two years. Archibald Rankin was deputy reeve for two years.

In 1919 a tablet was placed in the school to honor the boys who gave their lives for King and Country in World War I—George Muir, Oliver Christie and Lawrence Schell.

It is pleasing to record that

during these years some eminent men received their primary education at SS No. 6, Saugeen. These included clergymen, doctors and teachers. Of the seven public schools in the township, SS No. 6 exceeds any or all of the others in the prominent men produced, as the following lists disclose:

Clergymen: Reverends John K. McGillivray, Alexander J. McGillivray, Angus H. McGillivray, John G. McKechnie, Malcolm A. Campbell, Archibald C. Campbell and Gilbert Lamont. Of these, Rev. Alexander J. McGillivray and Rev. Malcolm A. Campbell had the high honor of being elected moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Doctors: William B. McKechnie, Thomas Forrester, Hector McArthur, Dan Muir and Wilfrid L. Christie.

Teachers: Inspector of Public Schools for District of Sudbury, Duncan M. Christie.

Pupils from the section who graduated as teachers are estimated to number 48.

The teacher in 1961-62 was Mrs. Ida Turnbull of RR No. 5, Paisley. The school area secretary is Kenneth Gowenlock of RR 2, Port Elgin.

50 Years In Food Industry



Mr. J. H. Stafford was honored by over 100 friends and business associates last Friday evening at

the International Inn in Winnipeg. This marked the occasion of 50 years in the food industry.

Mr. Stafford launched his career in this business with Swifts in Winnipeg in 1912, and then went west to Vancouver before coming east in 1922.

Mr. Stafford was also presented with a 50 year pin from the North West Travelers Association who were having their annual meeting at the same hotel.

Highlight of the evening was Mr. Stafford's appearance on the local television station on the Sports Programme of which Mr. Stafford was an enthusiastic supporter.

Mrs. Stafford, Howard and Gordon accompanied Mr. Stafford to Winnipeg, and they stated it was certainly a memorable occasion.



Anna Maria Novotny

There were seven Ontario Scholars from the graduation class of grade 13 this year—Saugeen District Secondary School.

An Ontario scholarship (worth \$100) is awarded to graduates of grade 13 who achieve an 80 per cent, or higher, average in at least six subjects.

This year's scholars are William Gibbons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gibbons of Southampton; Anna Maria Novotny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miroslav Novotny, of Paisley; Jeff George, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick George, of Southampton; Doug Kibler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kibler, of Port Elgin; Bernard Bannach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Bannach, of Southampton; Vicky Bryce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bryce, of Paisley; and Bryan