



Charles
Walter
Chadwick,
1854-1925

Charles Walter Chadwick, the son of Charles Eli Chadwick & Jane McCartney Chadwick, was born in 1853 in Ingersoll. In 1880, he moved to Rat Portage, now Kenora, Ontario, to work for a contractor engaged in the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway. He then set up a hardware store which was destroyed by fire. He then set up a real estate and insurance business. In 1905, he was appointed Local Registrar of the High Court and Clerk of the District Court. At this time he was dealing with Crown Lands which included the Military Land Grants for men who had served in the South African War or in the Volunteer Militia on the frontier in 1896. He served on the town council and was president of the Agricultural Society for several years. He promoted agriculture and the raising of goats in the area. He died in 1925. His wife Emily Mason Chadwick passed away in 1932.



Charles Walter Chadwick, depicted with goats & chickens, Kenora, Ontario, circa 1920



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Spouses and Children



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Emilie Margaret Mason

1857-1932 • 93Y4-5XC

Marriage

20 February 1878

Ingersoll, Oxford, Ontario, Canada

Children



Crete Chadwick

1879-1966 • GCS2-XGL



Nora Minota Grace Chadwick

1886-1970 • 93Y4-565

Ingersoll Chronicle

Feb 21, 1878

CHADWICK-MASON--At

the residence of W.

Wilson Holcroft, Esq.,

20th inst., by the Rev.

E. M. Bland, Mr. Charles

W. Chadwick, youngest

son of C. E. Chadwick,

Esq., to Emillie M.

Mason, second daughter

of Charles Mason, Esq.,

of Beachville



Emilie Mason
Chadwick,
depicted at
Kenora, circa
1920

Charles Walter & Emilie had two daughters: Crete & Nora. Crete was born in 1879. When she was growing up she took part in many church and community concerts. She began to keep scrapbooks containing the programs of the concerts and the actors and actresses of North America and England. She also collected playbills from everywhere. In the early 1900s she joined an American theatrical company. In 1923 she married Harry Marlin, a fellow actor. After her mother's death in 1932, she returned to Kenora and worked for a few years in the Kenora Tourist Office. Crete's husband Harry died in 1952. In 1957, she moved to the old family home in Ingersoll, 'Rowanwood' at 276 Oxford Street, to live with her aunt Frances Christopher & Nora and cousin, Marguerite Rose (1891-1963). Her life in the theatre can be followed by reading the letters received by her parents and Nora, of which there are hundreds.

Nora, the younger daughter, worked for a few years in Winnipeg. She never married and was a prolific letter writer. She looked after the Chadwick estate after her mother died. In 1954 she moved to Ingersoll to look after her aunt Frances Christopher at 'Rowanwood'.



Charles Walter Chadwick on horseback at Kenora, circa 1920



Charles Walter Cahdwick, with goat at Kenora, circa 1920. He planned to set up a goat ranch on Middle Island, in Lake of the Woods, Kenora.



C. W. CHADWICK

PASSES AWAY

A CONSPICUOUS FIGURE IN KENORA'S LIFE FOR OVER FORTY YEARS DIED MONDAY MORNING AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS.

In the death of Charles W. Chadwick at his home early Monday morning, one of the outstanding figures of Kenora's life has passed away. He was taken ill with influenza about two weeks ago. It was not thought to be serious, in fact he was at his office again in a few days, but sustained a relapse which confined him to his home. It was not generally known till Sunday that he was seriously ill, and even then it was thought he would recover.

The late C. W. Chadwick was born in 1853 at Ingersoll Ontario, where his father was a prominent resident and one of the first men to advocate the establishment of the cheese industry which has since meant so much for the agricultural prosperity of the province. Mr. Chadwick learned the hardware business in his native town, and in 1881 he decided to remove to the west which was then just opening up and attracting many adventurous spirits from the east. In 1882 he located in Kenora when the construction of the C.P.R. was still in progress. For a while he engaged in the hardware business, but later took up insurance, and soon had a large clientele in the young and growing town. Naturally a public-spirited citizen he advocated and promoted many projects for the welfare of the town, and was for several years an active member of the town council and the board of trade, giving excellent service. He was for a time assessor and collector, and on the death of F. J. Ap-John was appointed District Court Clerk and Surrogate Court Registrar and later local registrar of land titles. These positions he held to the time of his death.

M. Chadwick was always keenly interested in the agricultural development of the district, recognizing its benefits to the town. He knew personally many of the settlers and for them he always had a word of encouragement and advice. In order to advance their interests he promoted the Kenora Agricultural Society which has been of distinct advantage to the district. It would be difficult to recount his many and varied activities for the advancement of the district, some not approved, or recognized as too advanced, yet time has shown the

wisdom of many of his advocates, and it is pleasing to know that his efforts were appreciated.

Prior to his acceptance of official positions, he took a keen interest in politics and was a staunch Conservative. In 1896 he was a candidate for the legislature against the late James Conmee, the riding then extending from east of Port Arthur to the Manitoba boundary, embracing what is now divided into four constituencies.

The late C. W. Chadwick was a man of marked character and pronounced qualities. While outspoken and definite in his expressions, perhaps brusque at times, there was always behind it, to those who know him well, that vision of his kindness, his thoughtfulness for others, the realization that no one would be quicker to do you a good turn—and how many he did for those who were not as well equipped as himself. He loved children and for the growing boys and girls he had always a kindly word. His humane qualities were very pronounced, and he had a great love for animals and all living things. Of him it might be said that "he would not heedlessly set foot upon a worm." These qualities served to endear him to hosts of friends and to reserve for him a particular place in their affections. His familiar figure with his confident optimism will be greatly missed in the town, whose interests he endeavored to advance in many ways. His passing has created another gap in the thinning ranks of the early residents. He leaves besides his wife two daughters, Miss Nora at home and Mrs. Marland, of Boston.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, with a public service at St. Alban's pro-Cathedral at 3 o'clock.

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MRS. C. W. CHADWICK PASSED AWAY

LAST NIGHT

Was One of the Early Residents of
Kenora—Witnessed the Early
Struggles and Growth
of the Town.

Mrs. C. W. Chadwick, one of the early residents of Kenora, passed away last night after a long illness at her home surrounded by the members of her family. The late Mrs. Chadwick, came to Kenora (then Rat Portage) about 1884, joining her husband here and resided in the town ever since. In the early pioneer days of the town she encountered the difficulties and inconveniences of the period with a cheerfulness and optimism which helped all those with whom she came in contact, and this spirit she carried through life. Embued with the spirit which made her husband, the late C. W. Chadwick such a prominent figure in the town's affairs, she saw the small village grow to a modern town. Mrs. Chadwick was an interesting home-loving woman whose hospitality was unbounded—a lady of the old school. She loved flowers and animals, in fact every living thing, and was never happier than when in the performance of some kind act.

To those older residents who have known her for so many years her death will come as the closing of a period, a break with the past, and will be sincerely mourned. Her husband died March 23rd, 1925 and she is survived by two daughters Mrs. Marland and Miss Nora Chadwick.

Funeral arrangements have not as yet been completed.

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