

# Elgin Regiment Command Will Change Hands

At the end of the month a change of command will take place in the Elgin Regiment when Lt.-Col. R. Law Chantler will turn over the unit, the 26th Regiment of the Royal Canadian Armored Corps, to Major Charles Eldert, who has served under him during his two-year tenure as second-in-command.

Major Eldert's promotion to lieutenant-colonel will become effective on January 29, and the change of command will take place the evening of Thursday, Jan. 30, during a full parade of the regiment in the drill hall at the Wilson Avenue Armory.

The parade will be Col. Chantler's last, and following its muster and his inspection of the regiment, he will turn the parade over to Lt.-Col. F. H. Medcalf, the unit's honorary lieutenant-colonel.

From Col. Medcalf, the parade will be turned over to the new commanding officer and the full ceremonial of the occasion will be completed under his orders.

Expected to be present for the event are the two senior army officers in Southwestern Ontario, Brigadier K. H. McKibbin, of London, commanding Western Ontario Area headquarters, and Brigadier W. W. Bradley, of Windsor, commanding 26 Militia Group, of which the Elgin Regiment is a part. There will also be other officers from W. O. A. Headquarters and the C.O.s of several Militia units in this area.

Special guests invited to witness the parade will be the wives of the officers and senior NCOs of the regiment, associate members of the Officers' Mess and their ladies, and a number of civic dignitaries. Following dismissal of the parade, there will be a reception in the Officers' Mess for the new commanding officer, honoring at the same time the outgoing colonel.

Other events associated with



MAJOR CHARLES ELDERT



LT.-COL. R. LAW CHANTLER

the change of command have been planned by the executive of the Officers' Mess, of which the president is Capt. W. P. Golden. On Saturday, Feb. 8, the active officers of the regiment will give a formal mess dinner in honor of Col. Chantler and his wife, and the officers' wives will be special guests.

On Friday evening, Feb. 14, Col. Eldert has planned a dinner in the Officers' Mess for the officers of the regiment and the unit's senior NCOs will be special guests.

Col. Chantler took command of the Elgins on Jan. 2, 1962, succeeding Lt.-Col. J. W. McNeil, and has maintained the regiment as one of the finest county regiments in the Canadian Army. It has won numerous awards for efficiency and proficiency from the Royal Canadian Armored Corps Association during the past six years and while concentrating its operations on corps training the unit has also fulfilled an important emergency role in national survival under the Emergency Measures Organization.

Col. Chantler enlisted in the 2nd Battalion, Elgin Regiment,

in the ranks in the summer of 1940, was commissioned and went on active service in March, 1942, with the Highland Light Infantry of Canada from Galt. He returned from overseas service in 1946 and was discharged with the rank of captain, rejoining the Elgins on their reorganization late that year under Col. Medcalf. He has commanded at one time or other most of the squadrons, and was under Col. McNeil before being promoted to lieutenant-colonel and being given command of the regiment. In civilian life, he is a member of the head office staff of the Premier Trust Co., London.

Major Eldert was a member of the Elgins for several years before the outbreak of World War II, serving in the ranks as a signaller, and went from the 2nd Elgins into active service during a large part of World War II. He served overseas as an officer and rejoined the Elgins at the same time as Col. Chantler late in 1946. He has served as adjutant, as a company and squadron commander as well as second-in-command under Col. Chantler, and achieved

great success in organizing the unit's student militia summer training squadron program. This latter undertaking he has carried on for several summers.

The new regimental commander has been a teacher in St. Thomas schools since 1935, with the exception of his years in active service, and since 1956 has been a member of the Arthur Voaden Secondary School staff, teaching mathematics.

## Will Watch School Texts

TORONTO (CP) — Education Minister Davis assured the legislature Tuesday his department will not permit derogatory references to racial minorities to creep into school texts.

Mr. Davis said any objectionable phrases would be brought to the attention of the publishers before the books went on sale in the province. If the references were not removed, he said, the books would be banned.

He made his remarks in reply to Donald A. Paterson (L—Essex South), who queried government policy not only on text books but school plays and similar entertainment. This reference apparently was to black-face minstrel shows.

Mr. Davis said the department does not allow the use of derogatory or stereotyped phrases pertaining to minority racial groups or other minorities.

As an example he said that a few months ago an objectionable reference to the Japanese was cut from a reference book. The education minister did not elaborate.