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A FINISHED LIFE.

It is a week since the news reached us that Sir John Thompson died suddenly at Windsor Castle, immediately after being sworn in a member of the imperial privy council.

Probably by this time the great warship, selected to bring the body to Halifax for burial, is well out to sea with its "dark freight, a vanished life."

The newspapers have been filled with detailed accounts of the sad circumstances surrounding the death of this distinguished man. Editorial comments, in both Conservative and Liberal journals, have been such as to show that the departed statesman was admired, respected and beloved. His death is, on all sides, regarded as a national calamity. A marvellously strong intellect has gone out, and a conscientious statesman's work is done, at a time when strong intellects are in demand, and conscientious statesmen are far from plentiful. Whatever effect his decease may have on the future of the political parties, the house of commons at Ottawa will need some conspicuous addition, not now within sight, to command that close attention of the members and of the galleries which he always commanded.

His life was a full life. At an age when many men have scarcely more than begun their career, his was finished. From what we can learn, his life was one of steady progress. He had great natural ability, and he used that ability as a man should. He multiplied his talents. There appears to have been no waste time. In looking back over his career, one cannot mark any false step, such as has put back many another man of equally good intellectual parts. His success shows that success, in Canada, is to the man who works hard and aims high. But a few years ago, he was assisting the present clerk of the house of commons, in reporting the proceedings of the Nova Scotia legislature. He had become the chief of his former chief, before he died.

Sir John Thompson did his lifework well. He served his generation, and now, in the quaint words of our Bible translation, "he has fallen on sleep."

The Queen and home government have done all to honor the dead premier. He can best be honored in Canada by young men taking an example from his life, and using their abilities and their advantages, so as to make their lives useful to their generation and their country.

The Cash Store.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

I notice quite a blow in your issue of last week from the cash man who saves six hundred dollars per year interest, seven hundred dollars for book keeper, six hundred dollars in discounts and six hundred dollars bad debts. Now there are three other firms in Centreville each doing an extensive business and I will venture to say that the three of them all together don't pay six hundred dollars interest during the year, neither do the whole lot of them make six hundred dollars bad debts in the year, and a good book keeper earning a salary of six hundred dollars per year could keep all the books for the three firms for they probably sell as much for cash as that windy cash man who has done so much for the people by reducing the prices of sugar, flour, etc. throughout the Dominion. Could his customers know the profit he has on two thirds of his stock they would see that they pay quite as well for what they buy of him as elsewhere. The record office often tells you pays interest.

Yours truly, FAIR PLAY.
Centreville, Dec. 1894.

David F. Merritt.

David F. Merritt, collector of customs at Woodstock, was born in Queens Co. His family removed to Carleton Co. in 1860. Until he was 27 years old, Mr. Merritt followed the business of farming. In 1867 he came to Woodstock and went into the dry goods business with G. W. Vanwart, the firm bearing the name of G. W. Vanwart & Co. In August, 1868 he married Margaret, daughter of the late Jas. McCoy, who was for many years master of the Woodstock Grammar school. On the first of February, 1865, Mr. Merritt entered on his duties as collector of customs, and Savings bank agent, succeeding the late Harry Dibblee, who was placed upon the superannuation list. The subject of this sketch is a prominent Mason and Orangeman. He joined Woodstock Lodge, F. & A. M. in 1876, and has passed through all the principal offices, having at one time been Deputy Grand Master in the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. He is now Past Grand Master, Royal Arch Mason, and a Knight Templar. When he was eighteen years of age he joined the Orange order in Queens county, and has been attached to it ever since. He affiliated with the lodge at Florenceville, and after he came to Woodstock, affiliated with the order here. As in the Masonic order, Mr. Merritt has filled the leading offices in the Orange order, and is now Past Grand Master. In religion he is a member of the Free Baptist church. Mr. Merritt's parents were U. E. Loyalists.



Members and Passes.
Mock Parliament on Friday last was well attended, considering that some of the members have extra duties to look to, owing to the business rush of this season of the year. The first business of importance taken up was the second reading of Thane Jones' bill relating to senators and members of the house of commons. The bill provided that no member of either house should accept a pass from any railway company, and that if he did accept a pass he was subject to severe penalties. The main argument of the mover was that members are allowed a mileage of ten cents, and that in accepting passes they not only act dishonorably by the people who allowed them mileage, but are liable to imperil their independence by taking favors from heavy corporations. The government supporters, however, would have none of the bill, urging that there was no reason for parliament passing a measure which prohibited members from accepting a courtesy extended by railway companies. Finally the bill was defeated on its second reading by a straight party vote. Then, the discussion on the resolution, asking the imperial parliament to pass an act abolishing or reforming the senate was taken up, and after some discussion it met with the same fate as the former measure. A new and welcome addition to the opposition side is Mr. Waddleton, member for Restigouche, who acquitted himself creditably in his maiden speech. Parliament will meet as usual next Friday evening, when the Woman Suffrage bill will be further discussed and voted upon.

Men care least for honor when most in want of bread.

If we could know all it would not be so hard to forgive all.

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DOW-FLIGHT. - At the residence of Luther Dow, December 4th, by Rev. A. F. Baker, Clarence Dow and Lottie Flight.
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To the Electors of the Town of Woodstock.

Having been requested by many of your number to be a candidate for the office of mayor of the town for the coming year, I have consented, and if honored by a majority of your votes I will give my best attention to your interests.
Woodstock, Dec. 19, 1894.

WILLIAM S. SAUNDERS.

Friend--Why do you mark things 99 cents when they are actually worth \$1?

Merchant--Well, you see, customers hate to leave without that odd cent, and by keeping them waiting for their change, they generally see something else they want. -New York Weekly.

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Also, a Full Line of GROCERIES on hand at **W. R. WRIGHT'S**.
Special discount for cash.

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Latest Fashion.

W. B. Nicholson
Merchant Tailor.

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Most of my stock was bought direct from the manufacturers, and can therefore be sold at a fair profit at Very Low Prices.

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Oh, yes, we most forgot to speak of our Dyeing Department. Some of our customers have also forgotten that the parcels of dyed goods they were in such a hurry for, have been waiting for them for weeks and months. If YOU are the person, call get your goods--suits of clothes--dresses--shawls--and all sorts of things dyed black or in colors.

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A most complete and general stock, including everything in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots & Shoes, Hats, and Lumbermen's Outfit, imported from the manufacturers. First-class goods at Lowest Prices.

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Full stock of Fur Coats, Robes, Ulsters and Overcoats.

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