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STEPHEN BURPEE APPLEBY

Passes Away Suddenly at his Residence on Thursday Last.

The death of Stephen B. Appleby, K. C., took place last Thursday morning, most suddenly at his home in Woodstock. Mr. Appleby had been at his office all day Wednesday. In the evening he attended prayer meeting at St. Paul's Presbyterian church, and after that again visited his office and attended to some matters. During the night he was quite poorly, suffering somewhat from oppression in the chest, but would not listen to the idea of having a doctor called in. He was better in the morning and at an early hour rose and dressed himself. About half past nine he was talking to his son in the hall upstairs and then went in the bedroom and laid down on the bed. Shortly after, his son asked him how he felt. There was no response. He went in the room and knew too well that his father had passed away. In haste, the family physician, Dr. Kierstead was summoned, but life was quite extinct before he arrived. The news of the sudden death of this well known citizen was heard about town with the utmost regret. There survive Mrs. Appleby, the widow, one son Charles, editor of this paper, and barrister at law, and four daughters, Mrs. Wilmot Watson, Misses Kate, Helen and Ruth.

Stephen Burpee Appleby was born in Florenceville, October 21st, 1833, son of Charles S. and Letitia Appleby. Mr. Appleby was educated in such private schools as existed at that time, read law in the office of Lewis P. Fisher; and subsequently attended lectures both at Harvard and at the Albany Law School, Albany, N. Y., at which latter institution he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In October, 1868, he was admitted as an attorney, the following year was made barrister, and in 1889 was created Queen's Counsel. For thirty-five years he has practised his profession most successfully.

In politics Mr. Appleby has been a life-long liberal. He was first returned to the Dominion Parliament in September, 1873, on the death of the sitting member, and was re-elected in 1874 by acclamation. He was a supporter of the McKenzie administration and served continuously till 1878 an honored record of public service. At the general election of this latter year, he was a defeated candidate, since when he remained out of public life till 1900 when a vacancy occurred in the local legislature through the resignation of the Carleton County representative. In January of the following year he received the distinction, unique in the history of political life in this county, of a second election by acclamation. During the two years when he was a supporter of the present administration, he was one of the most valued members of the legislature being regarded with respect and confidence by all parties of the House.

During these last few months, Mr. Appleby's name has been freely mentioned in connection with the vacancy in the County Court Judgeship. His appointment was loyally urged by leading members of the liberal party here and elsewhere. It was generally recognized that his judicial temperament, fine literary culture and mature professional scholarship eminently fitted him for so high an office. It is safe to say his appointment would have been regarded with cordial satisfaction by the entire legal fraternity and by influential laymen everywhere over the province.

He has been a member of Woodstock Lodge of F. & A. Masons for over forty years, and in the years of 1869 and '70 was master of the lodge.

Mr. Appleby has ever been a public spirited man, having been identified with every good work in the community. He stood resolutely for social and religious progress. Always a total abstainer, he gave much attention to temperance reform. It was during his membership of the House of Commons he took the initiative, with a few others, in this movement, and gave very substantial aid in procuring the passage of the bill known as the Canada Temperance Act. He was also interested in educational matters, and was prominent among those pioneers who at last succeeded in establishing non-sectarian schools in New Brunswick. In all these agitations, careless of his own interests, he readily accepted principles that seemed right to him, and fought valiantly whether with the minority or majority. With deep sincerity and conviction he attacked principles not men. His highminded and disinterested behavior has won for him uniform confidence of friends and respect of opponents. There is perhaps no man in public life today with a cleaner record than his, who has according to his opportunities, done more for his con-

stituency and less for himself.

His scholarly attainments included far more than a knowledge of law. Much of his private life was devoted to study of other phases of thought especially to the study of the history and philosophy of religion. He possessed a fine literary instinct yet he loved truth more than the form in which it was expressed. He knew Shakespeare's great dramas almost by heart. He loved the utterances of the prophets and the sayings of Jesus. Up to the day of his death he was an earnest student of literature and while all aspects of modern thought found in him an open mind, what held an abiding place in his affections were the Bible and Shakespeare. Few laymen were better acquainted with Hebrew thought and life than he. While he rejected traditional opinions of the inspiration of the Bible, and the inerrancy of the scriptures, yet he confidently accepted the teachings of the prophets and of Jesus as the supremest authorities in religious literature, authorities which he deliberately chose to discipline and guide his own religious instincts. It was because he felt the grave difficulties arising out of historical inaccuracies, documentary contradictions and moral blemishes of the Bible that he was forced to reject the orthodox theories of Calvinism and cordially welcome the light which historical criticism has cast upon many Biblical problems. Indeed he had independently anticipated many results of modern scholarship. In his reaction against the speculative side of religion he clung to its practical truths. If he disbelieved certain theological assumptions, his life was a full confession of spiritual beauty, goodness and truth. Religion, he often affirmed, could find no surer definition than such comprehensive words as these: "He hath shewed thee, o man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God." These words express his religious faith and his daily conduct. Both in public and in private life he ever strove "to do justly" "to love mercy" and "to walk humbly with his God." His loss is deeply mourned by his many friends, and will be felt for many a long day to come by the entire community.

The funeral service was held at his late residence, Chapel Street, on Saturday morning at 10.30 the Rev. George D. Ireland, of St. Paul's church, officiating. The choir sang the hymns "It is Not Death to Die," and "Lead Kindly Light." Many floral tributes were laid on the casket by friends. The Methodist church bell was tolled during the service.

The procession to the C. P. R. depot was one of the largest and most representative seen in Woodstock for many years. Mr. Moses Burpee, chief engineer of the B. & A. Railroad, and Mr. Tyler Burpee, of the engineering department of the I. C. R., cousins of deceased, were among the mourners. The Barristers' Society walked in a body as also did the town council.

The remains were taken to Florenceville and were met at the depot by many relatives and friends. The casket was opened at the grave to permit of those present taking a last view of the remains. After a short service the remains were laid to rest in the family lot.

W. D. Balloch, Wm. Dibblee, Rev. B. Colpitts and John McCormack acted as pall bearers.

Barristers Resolution Of Condolence.

A meeting of the barristers of Woodstock was held in the office of A. B. Connell Thursday to consider action regarding the sudden death of their brother in the profession, the late S. B. Appleby, K. C. A. B. Connell presided and T. C. L. Ketchum was secretary. A resolution was passed expressing sorrow and regret at the loss sustained in the death of Mr. Appleby and J. C. Hartley, L. E. Young and the Secretary were appointed to prepare a resolution for the purpose of expressing their appreciation of the deceased as a barrister and citizen. At a meeting held on Saturday morning in the office of J. N. W. Winslow the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, Stephen Burpee Appleby, Esq. K. C., departed this life on Thursday last having enjoyed his usual good health and having been in full possession of his mental and physical activities almost to the moment of his departure; and whereas his sudden death has been a great shock to us, his associates in his chosen profession; Be it therefore resolved that we, the barristers of the town of Woodstock, now assembled, hereby express our regret at the sad event and also our appreciation of the high power and legal ability of the late Mr. Appleby as well as our deep sympathy with his widow and children in their sad bereavement. We recognize that during his long practice in the county Mr. Appleby ever upheld the highest ideals of the profession, always extending to his fellow barristers the utmost courtesy and consideration. Had he been spared to fill the position of County Court Judge to which he undoubtedly would have been appointed we feel that he would have proven a worthy successor to the esteemed jurist who has just retired.

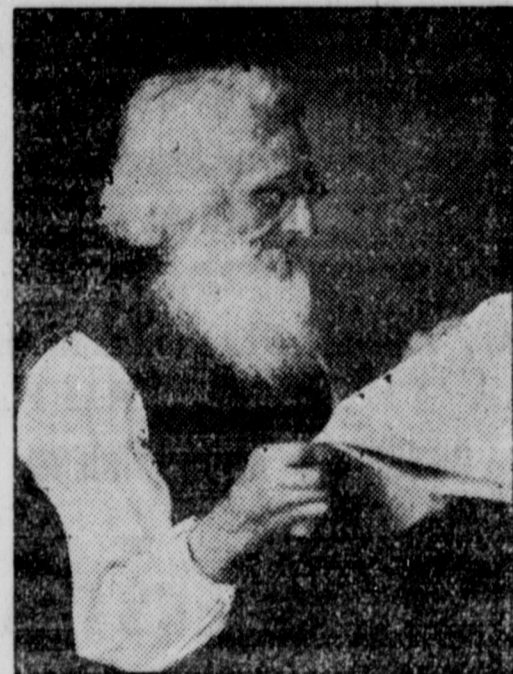
We cannot separate without bearing testimony to the sound learning, the keen ability and excellent judgment that Mr. Appleby displayed in the practice of his profession and to the sterling good qualities, which won for him universal respect. And further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his son Charles Appleby, Esq., Barrister at Law. Signed on behalf of the Barristers, T. C. L. KETCHUM, Secretary, A. B. CONNELL, Chairman, Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 12th, 1903.

DEATH OF FRANCIS SHARP.

A Well Known Horticulturist Passes Away on Saturday Last.

Mr. Francis Peabody Sharp died suddenly at his home at Woodstock on Saturday afternoon of pneumonia, in the 80th year of his age.

The funeral took place on Tuesday morning. There was a service at the residence at 10.30, and at eleven o'clock in St. Paul's church, after which interment was made in the family lot at Upper Woodstock. The services were conducted by the Rev. G. D. Ireland.



Mr. Ireland's address at the church was as follows:—

Franklin Peabody Sharp was born at Woodstock on September 3rd, 1823 He was the son of Adam B. Sharp, who was one of the earliest settlers in this part of the country and a successful lumberman and banker. He was a grandson of Capt. Francis Alexander Sharp of the British Garrison at Quebec. Mr. Sharp's mother was Miss Maria Peabody, Adam B. Sharp's second wife, a daughter of Francis Peabody, who was among the pioneer settlers at Manguerville and at one time a captain in the United States Militia. Mr. Sharp was an only son.

He was educated in the Carleton County Grammar school. Originally he intended to study medicine but his love of nature was so great he early turned to a broader scientific field of labor. He obtained his education in horticultural science independently of college or teacher or books. Nature eminently fitted him for the student's life and he merely followed the natural bent of his own genius in giving his attention to original research and investigation of nature's laws. It must not be supposed he despised other student's discoveries, or the help he might obtain through their writings. He earnestly read and for the most part accepted the conclusions of masters in science. It was at an early age he familiarized himself with such books of natural history as were written about this time. Darwin, Huxley, Tyndall, Spencer and Humboldt each made a profound impression upon his philosophy of natural and social life, yet he was too independent to be a slave to any matter or theory. His accurate knowledge of their writings merely formed a ground work for the sound practical education which he obtained in nature's own school, broadening his conception of life, the better enabling him to work skillfully at his numerous and elaborate experiments. What he has done for this province, is upon every one's lips. Single handed, he succeeded in revolutionizing the fruit growing industry of this portion of Canada.

Happily Mr. Sharp was not without recognition in his life time. His long association with such eminent authorities in horticultural matters as Prof. Budd, of the Agricultural College of Iowa, Dr. Charles E. Lugin and Prof. Gibbs, of the Dominion Government, should alone give him a place in scientific circles. What brought him into close fellowship with these kindred spirits was his origination of a variety of fruits that were early placed upon the market. His special knowledge of "disease of trees," of the nature of soils best suited to fruit growing," was recognized by them, and was sought after through an offer to publish a book upon the subject at the expense of the Canadian government. These friends co-operated with him in much experimental work during his life time; and many others were willing to be taught through numerous articles on theoretical and practical aspects of fruit growing, which he contributed to different papers and journals of the day.

His scientific education, however, was acquired at the expense of his business instinct. For while he thus eminently succeeded in promoting horticultural interests, he became wholly indifferent to the financial side of his profession. He invariably displayed an unworly spirit in business transactions with

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