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THE DEATH.

After a long and severe struggle with death, Sir John A. Macdonald succumbed to the great destroyer last Saturday night. For many days millions of people anxiously watched and waited for the issue of the contest. Occasionally, hope rose high in the dying man's favor. Almost at the worst his recovery seemed possible. He had previously proved victor in terrible strifes for life, when the chances appeared adverse to him; and there were times when in the recent struggle symptoms seemed to lean to his side. But many hours before his death his fate appeared sealed, and the millions waited solemnly for tidings of his decease. It is gratifying to learn that during the greater part of his illness his sufferings were not severe, determined as was the contest waged, and that, finally, he passed painlessly away.

THE SYMPATHY SHOWN.

No illness, no threatened death, ever before in Canada created so deep an interest, or called forth such general sympathy as those caused by the fatal illness of the dead Premier. The manifestation made reflects high honor on the memory of the departed political leader, and great credit on those concerned in it. None but a man of first rate qualities for leadership and who had rendered great service to his country, could on his death have excited such interest and feeling, and no people but one under the influence of noble sentiments, could have joined in such an expression of regret and respect. It was, indeed, to be expected that the suffering statesman would be tenderly regarded by some ardent, admiring, and greatly attached friends. But some of the finest eulogies pronounced on the talents, the attractions, and the services of the great man, have come from the lips of the pen of men who fought him fiercely in many a hard political battle. It speaks well for Sir John that so much friendship for him should be felt in the breasts of his political enemies, and it speaks well for them that they are capable of cherishing such a feeling.

But the sympathy manifested during the last hours of Sir John, has been largely shared by great masses of the people of the United States; and by all those in Britain at all familiar with his position, character, and work. The Queen herself has been among the keenest and most deeply touched watchers of the tragedy going on at Ottawa in the death chamber of her faithful subject; and all the leading British statesmen appear to have shared her anxiety.

Denominational sympathy throughout Dominion, in this case, has been universal. Protestants and Roman Catholics alike expressed sorrow at the loss impending over the country. It is scarcely too much to say that every Canadian accustomed to pray for himself besought Heaven in behalf of the sufferer. Well, all this has under the circumstances been natural. No man equal to Sir John in talents for leadership and in service to the country, previously appeared in Canadian public life; and he left no man in Canadian public life behind him his equal. It may be a long, long time before an equal appears in Canada. Such men have been and are plentiful nowhere.

THE GENERAL ESTIMATE.

The concurrence of opinion among all classes as to the character, talents and services of Sir John A. Macdonald is something wonderful. No public man has warmer friends, but they have not pretended that he had no failings or that he never made mistakes. No man had more active or more determined opponents, but they have not magnified his failings, nor under-rated his excellencies. General agreement says that Sir John had a most kindly disposition, and a most genial temperament; that his tact in dealing with men was remarkable and his personal magnetism unusually great; that he was proverbially staunch to his friends, and inclined to be magnanimous to his enemies, that he was not a vindictive hater, and was on as good terms with his opponents as he would be; that he was a clear headed, far thinking man, shrewd and full of resources for emergencies; and that he loved his country, according to his lights serving it well; and that he never attempted to enrich himself at his country's expense.

THE FUNERAL.

To-day at noon, the remains of the dead premier, after having lain in state for

some time at Ottawa and later at Kingston, will be consigned to the grave in the cemetery at the latter place, in which lie the remains of his father and mother his brother and two sisters. The funeral is a State one, decreed by Parliament, as was fitting under the circumstances. It is the most noteworthy event of the kind that has hitherto taken place in Canada.

St. John.

June 8, 1891.—The news of the death of Sir John A. Macdonald was received in this city at 10.30 Saturday night, and telegraph messenger boys could be seen running in all directions conveying the sad news to different portions of the city. On every corner, although the hour was late, groups of men, both old and young, were talking over the sad event, and a depression seemed upon everything and everybody. The news, although it did not seem unexpected, caused considerable surprise, as hundreds here clung to the belief that the grand old chieftain would recover, but the hand of the Almighty is more powerful than man, and though Sir John could conquer man he had to submit to the Lord's will, and it was His will that he should depart. In all the city churches reference was made to the sad event and in one Episcopal church the pastor stated that although he had not agreed with the dead chieftain in all his political views, yet the people of this Dominion could pray for a man as good. Flags were flying from almost every flag pole in the city yesterday morning at an early hour, and the vessels in the harbor all had the English flag at half-mast, thus showing the great respect with which Sir John was held. The flag of the American consul here was also at half-mast. Several business houses are draped with black to-day, one which is especially noticeable is the dry goods store of Macaulay Bros. & Co. From each window hangs long strips of black material with white as well. The black and white together look very fine and it shows good taste in the Messrs. Macaulay in showing such respect to Sir John A. Macdonald. It may truly be said the whole Dominion is in mourning for such a man Canada never had before, and it is doubtful if it will ever have another such as he.

Chatham.

Flags have been flying half-mast since Sunday morning on account of the death of Canada's Premier. Reference was made to the sad event from most of the pulpits on that day.

Owing to the continued dry weather forest fires are springing up all around us, endangering fences, farm buildings, etc., and rain is anxiously looked for to put out the fires as well as for the suffering crops.

We have just learned of the burning of the bridge across the South-west at Donald's, Upper Blackville, by a forest fire started, it is said, by the trains on the Canada Eastern railway.

The water in the South-west is very low, but, notwithstanding, the corporation drive had reached Porter Cove, some 3 miles below Boiestown, on Saturday night.

Ex-councillor Bamford, of Blissfield, was in town Tuesday, as was Robert Swim, Esq., of Doaktown.

Senator Snowball arrived from Ottawa on Sunday morning. Mr. Mersereau, photographer, has secured the services of a first-class retoucher in Mr. Harry Moss, of Moncton, who learned that part of his business with Tully & Co.

Le Jeune.

June 8.—I regret to refer to the death of Jovang Bourque which occurred on the 25th ult. after five years illness of consumption. Sympathy is universally expressed towards Mrs. Bourque and her young family in this their sad and irreparable loss.

As Mr. John Connors of Grandigues was driving home from Shediac on Saturday the 30th ult. his horse became frightened by some obstacle on the road, and bolted, upsetting the carriage and throwing its occupant very heavily to the road. Mr. Connors' injuries are quite severe and he will be confined to his house for some time.

Mr. Geoffrey King's house was burned to the ground on the 28th ult., the fire originating from a defective flue. Being well insured, Mr. King's loss is not very heavy, as all the household effects were saved.

Messrs. James and Harry Murray, of Cocagne River, left for Kansas some time ago where it is learned they have each bought a farm of five hundred acres and intend to reside in future. We wish our venturesome young friends success.

We are pleased to note that Almira, daughter of William J. Hamington, is recovering from her recent dangerous illness of the grip, followed by inflammation of the lungs, under the skillful treatment of Dr. King, of Buctouche.

Mr. Ephraim Cormier has returned from Fredericton, where he was attending the Normal School.

Mrs. John Kinnear of Boston Mass is home spending the summer with her mother Mrs. Thomas Elliott.

The work of painting the exterior of the Episcopal Church has been resumed by Mr. L. Gogan.

Bruin has put in his appearance here of late. As Mr. John Ward was coming through Buctouche Portage he met a bear and two cubs. One was also seen in a sheep pasture near here and was in the act of chasing a sheep when detected. The villagers' "turned to" at short notice and as his bearship was retreating to the woods as fast as his legs could carry him he was shot dead by Mr. Adolph Goguen.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arsenneau of St. Charles are here visiting their daughter Mrs. Michael Bilodeau.

Naval Battle.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 4.—Chilian advices received here to-day describe a naval battle as having occurred in the harbor of Valparaiso on the night of April 28 four days after the engagement which had occurred in Chanaral bay, when the insurgent cruiser Magallanes was attacked by the government torpedo cruisers Aldea, Condell and Lynch. In that engagement the Magallanes succeeded in driving off the three government vessels, and after a sharp fight the government cruisers retired to Valparaiso.

The Magallanes, after receiving ammunition from the insurgent supply ship, decided to steam at once to Valparaiso and attack the three government vessels before they could be repaired. Under the cover of darkness the Magallanes steamed up alongside the Aldea, and fired a broadside which completely riddled the torpedo boat, dismounted nearly all of her rapid firing guns and killed and wounded nearly half of her crew.

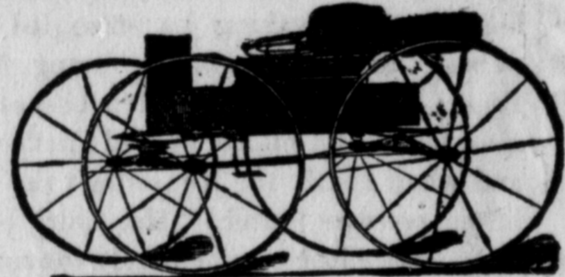
The Magallanes steamed quickly for the Lynch but the crew of the latter were alert. They returned the Magallanes' fire and attempted to launch a torpedo, but failed. The Condell had steamed out and began firing, subjecting the Magallanes to the fire from both government ships, killing and wounding 40 of the insurgent vessel's crew. The Magallanes, under cover of the smoke, began to move astern, and before the fact was discovered, the two government ships were pouring broadsides into each other.

The trick was not discovered until the Magallanes had steamed across the stern of the Condell, and poured in a broadside which nearly destroyed the latter. Meanwhile the forts could not fire, owing to the fear of hitting the government ships.

When the Magallanes began to steam out of the harbor the forts opened their fire, but only one shell struck the rebel cruiser. This tore a big hole in her deck and dismounted her pivot gun. She then proceeded to Calder.

Over 100 men were killed in the engagement, fully one-half of whom were on board the Magallanes.

The Condell had to run on the beach to prevent sinking, while the Aldea was so badly damaged that it will require a long time to repair her. The Lynch was not seriously damaged. Three foreign war vessels were in the harbor at the time of the engagement.



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