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PASSED TO HIS REST.

George E. Fenety, the Pioneer of the Penny Press and Formerly Queen's Printer, Dies at His Home in Fredericton.

In the sunniest spot on the summit of Forest Hill Cemetery in Fredericton lies all that is mortal of that well known man among men, George E. Fenety, placed there on Tuesday afternoon by the loving hands of his sons and friends.

He died on Saturday afternoon, a little after four o'clock in his residence, Linden Hall, surrounded by his wife, three of his children, his physician and rector. The end came suddenly, so much so in fact that one daughter and two sons, residing in St. John, had not time to reach him before he passed away.

The news did not become public property, in St. John at least, until the morning papers told the story of his life and death, and here, where he made his struggle for fortune and fame there were thousands who remembered the familiar figure, of the deceased, who though absent from the place for more than thirty years, had not forgotten the people he once lived among.

Up to two or three years ago Mr. Fenety enjoyed excellent health and, even since then his attacks of illness have not been protracted though once or twice they have been severe. The spirit that actuated him through life remained with him to the last. He would not give way to ailments that would make most men think they were in a dangerous condition. He fought against illness until a day or two before his death when he did not leave his bed. Still his intellect remained as bright as ever and ten minutes before he passed to his rest he knew all those about him.

One son, Linden, was away in the west, but three others William, Harris and Walter and three daughters Georgia, Mary and Alice were present. His wife survives him. For over fifty years they had enjoyed the true happiness of married life and her husband passed away on the fifty third anniversary of the day that she left her home in New York to come East and share his life in a Canadian city.

A sketch of Mr. Fenety's life appears at the close of this article and relates many facts that will not only interest those who knew him but many of the rising generation.

The best evidence of the respect in which he was held was shown in the spontaneous regret of those among whom he lived. Their sympathy was real and outspoken and on Monday when the news reached other centres the telegrams and letters of condolence showed how much his worth was appreciated. Mayor Sears, the son of his old friend, John Sears, sent a telegram expressing his regret that he would be unable to be present at the funeral, which when held on Tuesday afternoon was attended not only by his chosen and intimate friends but by representatives of the council of the city of which he had for so many years been mayor and by the people themselves in large numbers.

Rev. Canon Roberts conducted a brief private service at the house after which the remains were borne to the hearse by his three sons, William, Harris, and Walter, his son-in-law, Mr. E. S. Carter, and Messrs. John Black and E. B. Winslow. At the door of the Cathedral he had attended for so many years the procession was met by Dean Partridge, and Sub Dean Whalley and R. v. Mr. Montgomery of Kingclear, the bishop being absent on account of illness. There the beautiful service of the church of England was recited and the favorite hymns of the deceased sung by the choir. The procession formed and the remains were taken to Forest Hill cemetery which the deceased had taken a great interest in, presided over and helped to care for during his life time. The mourners and intimate friends walked in this order.

W. T. H. Fenety, Harris Fenety, Walter Fenety, E. S. Carter, E. and W. Fenety, Douglas Roberts, Canon Roberts, Judge Steadman, John Black, E. B. Winslow, F. S. Sharp, C. H. B. Fisher, G. C. Hunt, J. S. Reek, T. Q. Crooksbank, H. B. Binford, C. A. Sampson, G. P. Barrett, L. A. W. Tibbitts, Jas. Farre I., A. F. Randolph, T. C. Allen, W. K. Allen, Dr. Harrison.

The service at the grave was of an impressive character and was heard by an unusually large number of people.

Mr. Fenety outlived all or nearly all of his personal and political associates of early life. He saw them pass away one by

one and felt—as he often said—that the time was not long for him. The Wilmots, Fishers, Fisher, Tilley, Sears, Lawrence and others had gone to the majority. So had his own brothers and sisters. He was the last of a family of twelve. His vitality was wonderful and a few hours before his death



GEORGE EDWARD FENETY, Who Died at His Residence, Linden Hall, in Fredericton, September 30, 1899.

his intellect as keen as ever. He died as he wished to "in harness" writing occasionally for the press, expressing his thoughts as tersely and clearly as usual. This was the privilege he craved and which is not often granted to men who attain such years.

Perhaps no man desired a quiet and retired life more than he. He was happiest and at his best in his beautiful home, surrounded by his family or talking to some old friend who happened to drop in upon him. And few conversationalists could be more entertaining. His marvelous memory recalled many incidents in the three score and more of years of observation. Politics and politicians, the march of events, great movements, such as that which brought about Confederation, responsible government, the growth of communities, inventions—all these and many other topics he would touch upon while the hours passed rapidly. Could a stenographer have listened to these mighty talks of his and jotted them down they would have been invaluable from a historical standpoint.

It was not only in the events of the past or of one country that he was conversant. He was abreast with the times. The best of current literature found its way to his table and when in later years his eyesight did not permit him to read more than the daily papers a willing and devoted wife found pleasure in reading to him the best productions of the foremost writers and thinkers. The affairs of Europe and America were almost as interesting to him as those of Canada because he had visited many places in both continents. Few winters passed that he did not manage to go with his family to some warmer climate than that of New Brunswick and he returned richer by observation. Many of the readers of PROGRESS will remember with pleasure the "Letters from Florida" which he wrote while living in Tallahassee some eleven years ago.

Mr. Fenety's interest in his adopted city was so great as to win the admiration of all those who lived about him. He was not one to find fault without suggesting a remedy, nor was he backward in assisting to bring about that result which would benefit Fredericton. During the five years he was chief magistrate of the capital he inaugurated many reforms and the affairs of the city were never in a more satisfactory condition. The salary of the mayor was \$200 a year, yet not a cent of it found its way into his pocket. The whole amount was devoted toward paying a portion of the cost of the splendid clock

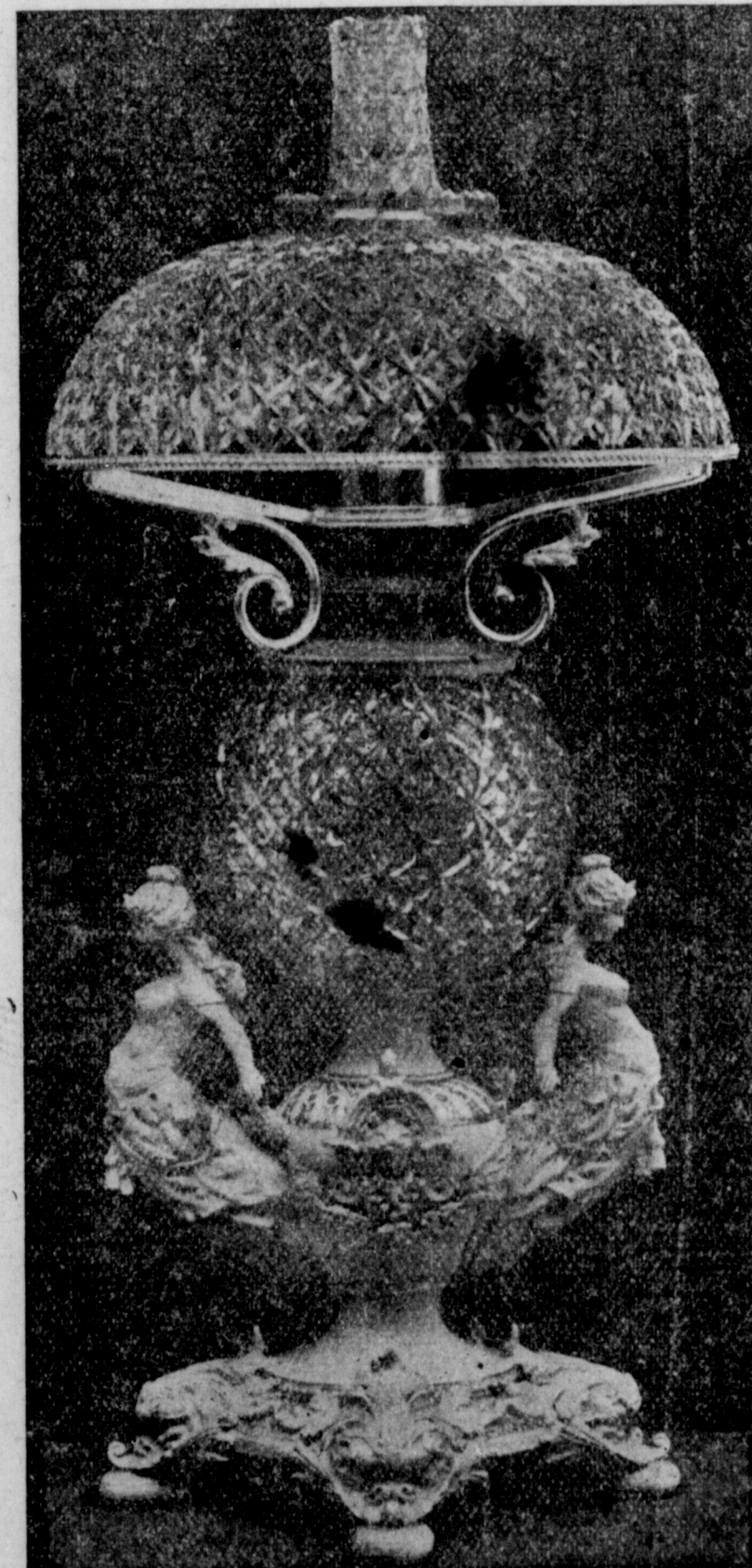
on the city hall. This was only one of a few improvements that he assisted in bringing about. He persuaded the council to take an interest in beautifying the city, but before they did so he had planted an avenue of trees on the river front which was known as "Fenety avenue." These are stately trees now, an ornament to the river front and the city. In spite of much opposition he planted trees on Queen and other streets and saw that they were protected and renewed. It is to be regretted that the same spirit does not animate some of the men of the present day.

undoubtedly. He was never so contented as when doing something for others and so his days were occupied during this period in overseeing the work and his evenings planning what was best to be done. His enthusiasm was intense and Mr. Wilmot was so pleased with the park that he endowed it with \$10,000, the interest of which was to be devoted to its maintenance. To show his appreciation of the efforts of Mr. Fenety he presented him with as handsome a lamp as it was possible for him to procure and the engraving upon it tells its own story.

That was not the only presentation that was made to the subject of this sketch. When defeated under very peculiar circumstances for the office of mayor by three votes at one time the principal citizens showed their disapproval of the verdict by subscribing \$250 for the purchase of a handsome silver epergne. The address which related the story was read and the presentation made by Prof. Geo. E. Foster of the University, who since that time has been finance minister of Canada. He was present at Mr. Fenety's funeral Tuesday.

In politics he always claimed to be a Liberal in the best sense of that word. He could not understand the term Liberal-Conservative. It did not seem to him to be right. Political coalitions were distasteful to him. In his earlier days he fought and argued against the Family Compact and in favor of Responsible government. The liberties of the people were always dear to him and he cared for little else. He saw Responsible government brought about and had a great share of the credit for it. When he became an office holder he ceased to have any political views for the public. He always deposited his ballot but no man knew how he voted. The office he held was given to him before confederation and the terms of his contract were such that all the government printing was to be done by him at a certain scale of prices. He carried out his part of the contract to the letter and when asked to make a reduction in the scale of 20 per cent. acceded to that, but on the understanding that all the work should go to the office of the Royal Gazette. But party newspapers began to increase and

Even after he had left the mayor's chair he became interested in a park for the city and at one time thought of purchasing the Odell grove and presenting it as the park. There were some objections to this proposition and it was not carried out, mainly, the writer recalls now, because it would interfere with the future growth of Frederic-



THE BEAUTIFUL LAMP, Presented to Geo. E. Fenety by His Friend, E. H. Wilmot, as a Recognition of His Services for Wilmot Park, Fredericton.

ton in that direction. When Mr. E. H. Wilmot—a gentleman of independent fortune and very public spirited—determined to present the city with a park he asked Mr. Fenety's co-operation which was gladly given and the beautiful tract known as Wilmot's Park was planned and laid out

party patronage began to be clamored for. The printing of the reports began to be taken away after the blanks had disappeared, until but one report—that of audit general—remained to be done in the office beside the issuing of the Gazette. It is lit-

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SIXTY THOUSAND GOT.

OF THE \$75,000 WANTED FOR THE NEW PAPER.

Everybody Means Business and the People Will Likely See Something New in Newspaper Work in St. John—Editor and Manager new to St. John.

"The Telegraph will not back down." That was the answer PROGRESS received when the inquiry was made of the manager as to the truth of the rumor that the Telegraph had decided not to "back" against the new comer in the morning newspaper field.

The gentlemen who have allied themselves with the party of the minister of railways are influential in the community. They represent the largest mercantile houses and evidently mean to show the staunch and tried liberal organ that it must bow to the will of the government. Of the \$75,000 worth of stock wanted some \$60,000 has been already subscribed and the gentlemen connected with the new venture will have a business meeting in a day or two. The credit of this rapid formation belongs to Mr. David Russel who has been most successful as a promoter and manager of companies.

Still the Telegraph has not been idle and has enlisted fresh capital and the powerful influence of the Canadian Pacific railway to assist it in opposing the efforts of the new News—for that will be the name of the new daily.

It is strange that just as the founder and proprietor of the once powerful Morning News passed away another paper of the same name should spring into existence.

It was thought that for a time the new paper would use the premises of the Gazette but this not being decided upon and other and more suitable buildings are being looked after. Figures have been given by several parties upon their properties.

So it looks like a newspaper war. It is said that the News will get what every paper would like to have—a large advertising patronage at the start. This can well be believed because there are more people who sell the Intercolonial and the government goods and their support will be expected. The staff has not been all chosen but the editor will be a new man and the manager one who is not used to newspaper work in St. John.

Who Knows About Them?

The editor of PROGRESS has received the following letter, which explains itself, from Frank Wilby, 460 Palladium St. Atlanta Ga. Perhaps some of PROGRESS readers can give us the information.

"I am requested to write you on a matter of importance to the parties interested and respectfully ask that you favor me with reply. It is important that the descendants of a person named Dr. Pedlar be ascertained. The information in regard to them states that in May 1837 Dr. Pedlar and his wife (nee Mary Daymond) left North Devon, England. They resided some time in Charlotte Town, Nova Scotia. Afterwards moved to St. John New Brunswick. They were residing in the latter city when last heard from. I have had some enquiries made in regard to them. I am requested to write you, that possibly you are acquainted with some of their descendants who are supposed to be residing in your city at the present time."

His Summer Holiday.

A well known west end man has been having a rather gay time of it this summer in the absence of his better half who has been away visiting friends. A female employee of one of the factories has also profited by the ladies absence for her sphere of amusement has been considerably increased thereby. The man in the case has not scrupled to be seen in public with his companion and now those who have watched the affair from the start are wondering what the man's wife will have to say about the matter. A letter from a friend on the west side is an explanation of why her visit was considerably shortened.

The D. A. R. Time Changes.

The advertised changes in the time table of the railway and steamship service of the Dominion Atlantic railway is printed on the seventh page of PROGRESS this week. That printed on the sixteenth page is void. Those who patronize these favorite lines should cut out the time table and paste it in their hats or their pocket books.