

REV. JOHN McP. SCOTT PASSES AWAY IN TORONTO

Death of a Presbyterian Clergyman Who Was Well Known in New Brunswick—Was at One Time Pastor of a Church on the Tobique—A Close Personal Friend of the Late Donald Fraser of This City.

(Toronto Globe)

Rev. Dr. John McPherson Scott, founder of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Broadway avenue, and for more than thirty years its pastor, died yesterday morning at his residence 537 Broadway avenue. Dr. Scott was taken suddenly ill on February 10. Last Sunday double pneumonia developed and his condition became rapidly worse. He was in his sixty-first year.

The pastor of St. John's Church was one of the best-known ministers in the city, and during his life many tributes had been paid to him. On the occasion of his thirtieth anniversary in the ministry the Presbytery of Toronto congratulated him and praised the service he had rendered to the Church. "Dr. Scott's ministry," read a communication from the Presbytery "has been educational and devotional not in the least degree sensational, which, along with his excellent organizing ability accounts for the steadiness of growth and solidity and enduring quality of the work done. The Presbytery gives thanks to God for such a minister."

Recently Dr. and Mrs. Scott had completed arrangements for a three month's holiday in Europe. They were to have sailed yesterday.

A Unique Record

John McPherson Scott was a native of Ayr, Ontario, where he was born in 1859. Following preliminary education at Galt High School he became an arts student at the University of Toronto and after his graduation with the degree of B. A. from there in 1887 went to Knox College. In 1889 he graduated with the degree of B. D., and in 1915 he was granted the honorary degree of D. D. by the Theological College at Montreal.

His career with the Presbyterian Church has been unique in that during more than thirty years of service he has been pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church. In 1889 a group of Presbyterians formed the St. James' Square Mission and Dr. Scott was given the charge. Shortly after the name was changed to St. John's Church, and it was largely due to his own personal efforts that it grew, in the first twenty years of its existence from a small mission to a congregation of nearly 1000 members.

Had Narrow Escape

For many years Dr. Scott was actively engaged in efforts to advance the welfare of the foreign mission fields and in 1912 he was selected for the important task of visiting all the foreign missions, under the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, throughout the world. This trip was undertaken at the expressed wish of a New Brunswick philanthropist, whose wealth in large amounts was given to assist the furtherance of foreign and home mission work, and the cost was defrayed from his private purse. Leaving Toronto in Sep-

tember, 1912, Dr. Scott had spent much of his time in the Orient, and on one occasion spoke to a large Chinese congregation at Wousan, through Rev. W. R. Foote, Presbyterian missionary, who acted as his interpreter.

Shortly after his return from his world tour he narrowly escaped assassination in front of his home on Broadway avenue. Harry Asher, a converted Jew, and a former member of Dr. Scott's congregation had developed a strange antipathy to Dr. Scott, as the result of the latter's action in removing him from the charge of city mission work, and after a short time at Montreal had returned to the city. The day after Christmas, 1914, Asher met Dr. Scott in the front of his house, and, producing a revolver, fired point-blank. A spectacle case in Dr. Scott's pocket deflected the bullet and was probably the means of saving his life.

In 1897 while on a visit to the home of his parents in Scotland, he was married to Miss Young. Mrs. Scott died soon after the marriage, and several years later he married Miss Margaret Graham Wanless, eldest daughter of the late John Wanless of Toronto.

His wife and one son, Robert B. Y. Scott, who during the war was a wireless operator, and who is now an arts student at the University of Toronto, survive him.

(The late Mr. Scott began his ministerial career at Kincardine, on the Tobique. It was here that he made the acquaintance of the late Mr. Donald Fraser and a strong friendship grew up between them. Mr. Fraser was the philanthropist referred to above who defrayed Rev. Mr. Scott's expenses in a trip to foreign mission fields. Rev. Mr. Scott's last visit to Fredericton was in connection with the dedication of the Fraser Memorial Hall, two years ago.)

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FLU

Dr. Copeland, Commissioner of Public Health for New York City, has issued the following appeal in connection with the outbreak of influenza:

To Nurses—The city is suffering from a lack of nurses. Please volunteer for service at \$6 a day or 75c an hour. Persons with practical experience in nursing will be paid \$4 a day or 50c an hour.

To physicians—Whenever it may be done safely, please urge your patients not to demand a trained nurse. Leave every trained nurse possible for work among the poor.

To clergymen—Advise your congregations about dangers from coughing or sneezing without covering the face with a handkerchief. Persons who find it impossible to refrain from coughing or sneezing should remain at home. Tell the congregation to avoid fear and to practice the ordinary rules of the simple life.

To the public—Observe the rules of simple living. If feverish or otherwise ill, go to bed and call a physician, the well.

Political Railroading

Government operation of the United States railways is becoming more of a farce under peace conditions than it was in the most strenuous days of the war. It will be recalled that Mr. McAdoo recommended to Congress before he retired from the directorship of the railways that government operation should be continued over a period of five years; in order that the country might judge and pass judgment on the respective merits of government and private operation.

For the month of April the railways showed an increase in the volume of business of 4.9 per cent.; but there was a decrease of 63.7 in net income. This loss in net was registered despite the fact that freight and passenger rates have been increased about 50 per cent. since the government took over the railways and began to operate them. The promising increase in net earnings during peace conditions proved to be false prophecy; there has been a steadily-increasing deficit.

During the first four months of the present year there has been a net loss for railway operation of \$135,000,000, notwithstanding the increased rates. The financial expert of the New York Times gives the following figures relating to government operation this year, taken from the records of the Federal Department of Railways:—

In comparison with the three-year average upon which the government rents the railways there was an increase of \$110,117,000 in gross earnings and a loss of \$41,182,000 in net income. (This is for April only.) Over the four months of this year

there was an increase of \$447,950,000 in gross earnings and a decrease of \$174,412,000 in net income. The loss of 72 per cent. in net earnings LEFT FOR THE GOVERNMENT \$65,804,000 WITH WHICH TO PAY \$210,216,000.

What more convincing objection to the failure of government ownership could be asked than those two totals, an increase of \$447,000,000 in gross earnings and a decrease of \$174,000,000 in net earnings? That means a difference of more than \$600,000,000 between government and private operation in the short period of four months, or of \$1,800,000,000 in a single year.

Part of that loss is due to mismanagement and part of it to padding the railroad pay rolls. Senator Cummins, formerly an advocate of government ownership, read statistics in the Senate recently to back his assertion that there were 200,000 useless men in the employ of the Railway Administration. He said the whole of them could be cut off without injuring the service in the least. In other words, there are more than 200,000 purely political positions under the railway management.

Little wonder that the Democrats have cut government ownership from their party platform and that even the radical supporters of Senator Johnson failed to make any mention of it in their "Progressive" platform. In 1912 and again in 1916 the Progressives made government ownership a headline in their policies. Now the idol has fallen so low that none will do it reverence.—From the Los Angeles Times.

T. F. CURRAN PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY

(Moncton Transcript)

Death claimed as its victim Saturday evening Mr. T. Frank Curran well known here, who died in the Bathurst hospital following an attack of influenza which later gave way to pneumonia. The deceased Mr. Curran was well and favorably known in this city, and had for a number of years been prominently identified with the Sumner Company as their business manager in Bathurst. Through the medium of his business in Bathurst, many Moncton citizens came into contact with him all of whom found in him an upright and honest worker and a loyal citizen.

In his early life the deceased was employed with Mr. George McLeod at Richibucto in the lumber business and here he started a career which was highly successful. Later in life and on the death of Mr. McLeod, the deceased entered the employ of Sumner Company at Bathurst, and for many years was the manager of the Bathurst branch, but owing to ill health he had for the last few years been employed as a commercial traveller and came into contact with many Maritime Province citizens who will sincerely learn of his sudden demise with deep regret.

Mr. Curran was about sixty-three years of age and is survived by his widow formerly Miss Hannah of Richibucto, a sister to the wife of Senator Bourque, residing at Richibucto.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS

Fredericton, N. B.,

March 2nd, 1920.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR W. H. LAUGHLIN, Officer Commanding 71st Regiment.

The following extract from District Orders, M. D. No. 7 has been received: DISTRICT ORDERS.

(After order)

By Brigadier General A. H. Macdonnell, C. M. G., D. S. O., Commanding Military District No. 7.

St. John, N. B., March 1st, 1920. No. 155—OPENING OF THE N. B. LEGISLATURE—GUARD OF HONOR.

The Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick will be convened by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor on the afternoon of March 11th, at 3.30 o'clock.

The Guard of Honor, consisting of one captain, two subalterns, four sergeants and one hundred rank and file, and the regimental band, will be furnished by the 71st Regiment.

The Guard of Honor and Band will be in position facing the main entrance to the Parliament Buildings at 3.15 o'clock. They will receive His Honor with a Royal Salute (the band playing six bars of the National Anthem) on his arrival at and departure from the Parliament Buildings.

A salute of 15 guns will be fired on the arrival of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, by a detachment of returned soldiers under Lieutenant Norman Cass, University of New Brunswick. The detachment will consist of four (4) returned soldiers per gun.

The guns will be fired at intervals of 30 seconds, the first gun being fired as the command "Present Arms" is given by the Officer Commanding the Guard of Honor.

The S. O. O. will arrange to ship two twelve pounder guns and necessary ammunition to Fredericton.

The S. S. & T. O. will arrange to have guns placed in position at Fredericton. Guns to be placed on river bank near the Legislative Building.

Clothing and equipment for the Guard of Honor and the Artillery Salute will be issued by the S. O. O. to the 71st Regiment.

The 71st Regiment will issue clothing, on loan, required, to the Artillery Detachment.

All clothing issued will be withdrawn to the regimental stores before pay is issued to the individual men concerned.

The S. O. P. S. will issue instructions and forms for both the Guard of Honor and the Artillery Salute to Major A. Sterling, who is making arrangements for the Guard of Honor.

The S. M. O. will detail a medical officer to attend at the firing of the salute, with the necessary field dressing case.

Dress—Drill order. Officers will wear swords.

Officers of the Militia and C. E. F. Reserve are invited to attend the opening of the Legislature. Service uniform, with swords, will be worn.

A. H. H. POWELL, Lieut. Col. A. A. G., M. D. No. 7.

Detail of Officers

Officer Commanding the Guard: Major W. C. Lawson, M. C. Other Officers: Capt. J. S. Scott, Lieut. A. E. McElveney.

Issue of Clothing, etc.

Clothing, arms and equipment will be issued from the Armory on Saturday, March 6th, from 2 to 5.30 p. m., and 7 to 9 p. m., and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, March 8th, 9th and 10th, from 7 to 9 p. m.

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bucto. Two sons survive, these being Herbert in the United States and Harry of Quebec, the latter of whom was with his father a few days before his death, and had returned home previous to a sudden relapse of the disease.

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