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## A VETERAN STATESMAN CALLED TO HIS REWARD

Sir Richard Scott, the Nestor of Canadian Liberalism Passed Away at Ottawa on Wednesday in His 89th Year---Had a Long and Honorable Public Career---Elected to the House in 1857---Held Office in Many Governments---Father of the Scott Act

Ottawa, April 23---Sir Richard W. Scott, legislator, parliamentarian and administrator, a member of the Canadian senate, and during his lifetime of more federal and provincial governments than any other living Canadian statesman, died at his late residence, 274 Daly avenue, this afternoon at four o'clock, after a brief illness.

Eighty-eight years of age, and described as the nestor of Canadian Liberalism, he carried with him into his final retirement the esteem of a third generation of contemporaries and leaves behind him not only the memory of great attainments but of moral standards which were never lowered to any political exigency, and a reputation, unsullied by even the suspicion of scandal.

Of unblemished private life and spotless political reputation, the years had dealt lightly with the deceased statesman, as one to whom their recurrence could add only additional honors. A remarkable example of physical soundness, with faculties unimpaired and an intellect keen if somewhat tempered by the judgment of experience, Sir Richard had moved reminiscently through the last few years of his life a venerable figure, who commanded the respect of all men.

As his parents were in comfortable circumstances, Sir Richard was given the advantage of a good education. He was taught by a private tutor, William Spillere, of Prescott, until he was ready to commence the study of law. He read in the office of Cooks & Smith of Toronto, and was called to the bar in 1848 at the age of twenty-two years. He settled in Ottawa, then Bytown, and small at that, and entered upon the practice of his profession.

In 1852 he was elected mayor of Ottawa and filled his term of office with general satisfaction to all its citizens.

ELECTED TO HOUSE IN 1857

In 1857 Richard Scott entered a wider political sphere and was elected to the Canadian legislature for Ottawa, but suffered defeat on seeking re-election in 1863. When confederation was consummated and the first general election for the Ontario legislative assembly was held, Mr. Scott was again elected for Ottawa and from that fateful day until the time of his death had been continuously active in Canadian public affairs as a member of one of the great legislative bodies.

In 1871 he was elected speaker of the Ontario legislative assembly, but in the organization of the Blake administration he was asked to accept the portfolio and a seat in the executive council and resign the speakership, which he did after two weeks of office. He then became commissioner of crown lands and administered its difficult affairs with marked ability.

His political spurs won, he was in 1873 called to the privy council as a member of the Mackenzie administration and resigned his place in the Ontario government and his seat in the house. He entered dominion politics as secretary of state and registrar general of Canada. He was chosen as the man best equipped with Hon. Mr. Pelletier and was called to the upper house on March 13, 1874.

When the late Sir Richard Cartwright, minister of finance, went to England in 1874, Mr. Scott acted in his place, and subsequently in the absence of other members of the government he acted as minister of justice.

On the defeat of the Mackenzie administration in 1878 Sir Richard became leader of the opposition in the senate and remained in that capacity until the return of the Liberal party in July 1896 when he was again asked to accept the post of secretary of state and registrar general. He held this portfolio under Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Continued on page 4)

## THE RIVER FERRY SERVICE IS SOMEWHAT ON THE PUNK

The ferry service established on the river here by the Flemming government is a pretty punk affair. A one-horse government would naturally be expected to establish a one-horse ferry service but it cannot even be dignified by that name. It is not a horse-ferry of any kind; it's a gasoline craft, which, according to a strict interpretation of the law, is not supposed to be used for the transportation of passengers. A plank walking process has to be resorted to in order to get on board of the craft and once the deck is reached one has to exercise great caution to keep from falling overboard. No attempt has been made to provide accommodation for horses and vehicles and patrons of the service must get home before eight o'clock in the evening or exercise the stop-over privilege. Apologists of the government say that it is the best arrangement that could have been made under the circumstances, and perhaps they are correct. It is certainly better than no service at all and we may not have had it but for the enterprise of some private individuals who got busy and put boats on before the government got around to it. The Flemming government always was keen in appropriating other people's ideas.

The bungling and incompetency displayed by the Flemming government in this case recalls to mind the prompt and efficient manner in which the old government handled the traffic between Fredericton and St. Mary's in 1905, after two spans of the old wooden bridge had been destroyed by fire. A scow-ferry service was established at once; within four days foot passengers were crossing by way of the bridge and in two weeks teams were crossing over a temporary structure. The government of that day had some solicitude for the welfare of the people. The members of the present administration are more concerned about salary increases and junketing trips to the federal capital. They talk a lot about "emergencies," but when confronted with a real one they do not show themselves competent to deal with it.

## MARITIME COAL CO. TO EXTEND PLANT

Montreal, April 24---At the annual meeting of the Maritime Coal Railway & Power Co. Ltd., held in the company's head office the president reported that the negotiations for the sale of a considerable block of the Company's securities had been successful and it was contemplated to carry out during the ensuing year large extensions in the power plant at Chignecto and electrifications of the colliery plant at Joggins Mines, in order to cope with the increasing demand for coal and electric power.

PERSONAL

Mr. Josiah Hallett, a well known lumberman of Millville is in the city today.

## JOY OVER FALL OF SCUTARI

Allies send Congratulations to Montenegro on Their Success

Austria Trying to Induce the Powers to Bring Pressure to Bear on King Nicholas

London, April 23---The news of the fall of Scutari to the Montenegrin army has been received with extraordinary demonstrations of joy in all the allied capitals, notably Belgrade, and the Bulgarian premier has sent effusive congratulations to the Montenegrin premier.

The first effect of the fall of the fortress has been the extension of the international naval blockade to Durazzo, but what will be the next step of the powers in facing the new situation it is difficult to tell. According to the view prevailing at St. Petersburg the coercion of Montenegro would not be an easy matter.

Austria-Hungary has already made definite proposals to the powers with a view of compelling Montenegro to evacuate Scutari, but it is not certain that such proposals will be welcomed.

The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph asserts that the Austrian government has repeatedly but vainly, tried to induce the powers to consent to the landing of forces from the international fleet to put pressure upon King Nicholas. He adds that Austrian patience is now exhausted and that Austria insists either that the powers compel Montenegro to evacuate Albanian territory, including Scutari, or that Austria be given a mandate to do so. Austria believes that an expeditionary force of forty thousand can achieve this task without bloodshed. And unless the powers speedily come to a decision she will act alone.

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## SAYS HUSBAND CHOKED INFANT TO DEATH

Amherst, April 23---The preliminary hearing of Charles Watt, arrested on Monday on the charge of taking the life of the infant daughter of his sister, was continued this afternoon before the stipendiary magistrate. The father of the accused, his two sisters and his wife were the chief witnesses examined.

The mother of the child testified that on Sunday morning, following the evening when the alleged crime was committed, the accused told her he had given the child away to a man and woman who promised to care for it. She did not ask their names and did not know anything about the whereabouts of the child and had made no attempt to find it since Saturday.

Mrs. Watt, the wife of the accused expressed her willingness to the court to give evidence. Her story was along the line as previously reported. She reiterated the story that her husband came home intoxicated on Saturday night and choked the child in her presence, then took it and the clothing down stairs and lighted a fire in the hall stove. She noted the smell of burning clothes and another disagreeable odor. She knew nothing of what he did to the child after taking it from her room. She was too frightened to give an alarm. Next morning her husband told her to say that a man and a woman took the child away. The small safety pins found on the ash pins in the child's clothing.

The examination will be continued tomorrow. Outside of the story of the wife there is but little evidence against the accused, save that the child is missing.

CASE POSTPONED

A case against a local hotel man for violating the Canada Temperance Act has been postponed till Saturday at the request of the chief of police who is working up the case for the prosecution.

British Government votes loan of \$15,000,000 to fund to facilitate competition with American cotton.

## A BREAK IN THE MARKET

New York Stocks off Today on Unfavorable War News

Canadian Pacific Down Five Points Since the Beginning of the Week

New York, April 24---There was not a very wide latitude to the market yesterday and its 150,000 shares failed to give any kind of encouragement for speculation no matter from what standpoint it is viewed. Prices were irregular rather favoring declines especially in a few substantial stocks. C.P.R., Lehigh Valley, New Haven, Wisconsin Central and Tobacco stocks were among the heaviest losers. Whether through liquidation or of short selling is of no moment in a narrow market like this. The benefit of the support to stocks lately which was due to easy money, seems to be slightly wanting and it may be possible that the turn for lower level of prices can be attributed to different elements affecting securities. The foreign situation while somewhat complicated is tending toward intense apprehension. Our own trouble with the Japan matter is receiving intense attention by the Government. Washington seems to think that the most serious developments have not been made public and the outcome of Mr. Bryan's visit to California will be eagerly awaited. Another dull and irregular market is expected to make up today's session. Traders seem to be at a loss how to figure their transactions there not being any breadth of scope to work on.

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## SALARY INCREASES WANTED BY OFFICIALS OF CITY

Friday night's special meeting of the City Council at which city officials for the year are to be appointed to take office May 1. The matter of salary increases must also be considered as a number of the officials and employees of the city have asked that their salaries be increased. The City Engineer, the City Clerk, members of the Pumping Station staff and the janitor of the City Building are understood to be among the number.

What consideration will be given to the requests is not known.

## ELIMINATING THE COMMISSION MEN

Chicago, Ill., April 24---The first practical step to demonstrate the possibility of economy in distribution of farm products is scheduled to be taken tomorrow, when a large shipment of fresh vegetables is to be started from Texas to Chicago. The plan has been worked out by an association of Texas farmers. By eliminating the commission men and selling direct from the farmer to the consumer it is believed that a great reduction in prices will be possible. Distributing stations are to be established in various localities of the city. Hampers containing an assortment of fresh vegetables enough to last a family of five one week, will be sold for \$1.20. It is reckoned that a similar supply would cost from \$3.50 to \$4.50 under ordinary sale.

## WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, N. Y., April 24---The Board of Arbitration grants firemen 10 to 12 per cent wage increase on 54 eastern railroads or about \$3,000,000.

President Wilson sends secretary Bryan to California to persuade Legislature to modify pending alien land bill.

Hartford Bankers ask Attorney General McReynolds to investigate rule for out of town collectors by New York clearing house.

## INFAMOUS GAG MEASURE FORCED THROUGH AT OTTAWA

Division Was Taken at Midnight and it Passed by a Majority of Thirty-Five---Mr. Borden's Nationalist Allies Voted With the Government to Kill Free Speech---Tory Predictions of a Riot Were not Fulfilled---Strong Speeches by Liberal Members

Ottawa, April 23---After an indignant speech by Dr. Clark at midnight the house divided upon the motion by Minister of Marine Hazen "That the question be now put." Amid Liberal jeers it was carried on a straight party division of 108 to 73, a majority of 35.

Premier Borden's Nationalist supporters remained faithful to him and all voted with him.

The house then divided upon the closure resolution which was carried by the same vote amid Conservative cheers and Liberal cries of derision.

The vote was taken in a dignified and orderly way. When the result was announced the Conservatives broke into cheers. When they died away the Liberals gave three cheers for Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and three cheers for "Liberty." Then the Liberals made the room ring with shouts of "gag." Mr. Neeley, of Humboldt, shouted, "cowards," time after time. As the Conservatives slunk out of the back of the chamber, Mr. Gauvreau cried out to them: "Go in shame!" and the speaker left the chamber with free speech in the Canadian parliament killed.

Mr. Carroll resumed the closure debate, characterizing the measure as unjust, unwise, unreasonable and wholly unwarranted. The minister of

justice had declared there was a "popular clamor" for such amendments as was proposed. "When he says that there is a popular clamor for such an iniquitous measure," said Mr. Carroll, "he may be speaking for the millionaires of Montreal and the millionaires of Toronto. But he has no mandate from the great working classes of the country who have only one way of bringing their grievances before parliament, and that way is through their representatives who are now threatened with the gag."

Mr. Carroll suggested that a clause should be put in the naval bill referring it to the people before it should become law. So far as he was personally concerned that course would remove his opposition to the measure and he considered it would facilitate its passing through the house.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson delivered a vigorous and telling speech, arraigning the course of the government in plain spoken language. "There are blood-purchased rights," he said, "which the government would now abolish or curtail till they reach the vanishing point. If it were designed to buttress a corrupt and vicious government which intended to loot the treasury of Canada, no better measure could have been devised."

## GENERAL SATISFACTION OVER TELEPHONE DECISION

Fredericton Board of Trade Took Prominent Part in Matter--Importance of Ruling of Commission

The refusal of the Public Utilities Commission yesterday to approve of the schedule of rates, classification of exchanges and other matters mentioned in the petition of the New Brunswick Telephone Company has caused general satisfaction. The Fredericton Board of Trade took the prominent part in opposing the application and deserves credit for the work it performed. The chairman of the commission at the hearing in St. John yesterday remarked that Rothe and Fredericton were the only places which seemed interested in the matter.

Ald. W. E. Farrell, president of the Union of Municipalities attended the hearing and City Clerk J. W. McCready appeared for the Fredericton Board of Trade.

The result of the commission's ruling will be that if the company wish to make any change in present rates in connection with any community or exchange they must go to the commission and after giving notice to the community affected and hearing the case the commission will decide what will be done. On the other hand matters of complaint against the company must also go to the commission.

## FIREMEN GET AN INCREASE OF PAY

New York April 24---An analysis of firemen's wage cards reveals the fact that railroads did not come off badly nor were rates awarded materially different from those which railroads offered to concede in January last.

MT. ALLISON MOVEMENT

Rev. Dr. B. C. Borden, president of Mt. Allison University Sackville and Rev. J. W. Graham of Toronto are in the city today in connection with the Mt. Allison Forward Movement.

Europe alarmed over Montenegro taking Scutari.

## ST. GEORGE'S DAY WAS SUITABLY OBSERVED

Islington Lodge, Sons of England, Gave Most Enjoyable Entertainment Last Night---Largely Attended

Islington, Lodge, Sons of England held a very enjoyable social and entertainment last evening in honor of St. George's Day in which occasion a large number of the lodge members and other friends were present including many ladies. The lodge room where the affair was held was beautifully and tastefully decorated with British and Canadian flags while red, white and blue bunting was very conspicuous, cut flowers and potted plants were also very noticeable being artistically arranged around the platform occupied by the chairman and the speakers. Mr. A. D. Thomas made an ideal chairman and made the opening address of welcome, after which the following program was successfully carried out:--

Chorus--"Rule Britannia."  
Song--Mrs. McNutt.  
Speech--Hon. H. F. McLeod.  
Cornet Solo--Mr. Arthur Reading.  
Speech--Mr. A. Bowder.  
Solo--Mrs. McNutt.  
Address--Mr. J. C. Anderton.

There were also short addresses by Rev. Mr. Hailstone, Messrs Percy Cass and John Bebbington, Sr.

Refreshments were served during the evening by lady friends of the lodge members.

As the guests arrived they were received by a committee and presented with red or white roses which were donated by John Bebbington & Sons. The speeches delivered were excellent all the speakers being in good form, Hon. H. F. McLeod who has not been heard on the public platform for some time was well received. He made a very interesting speech in his usual vein. All the speakers made a good impression with large gathering present, while the singing by Mrs. McNutt was very much enjoyed. The affair came to a close shortly after eleven o'clock all expressing themselves as having spent a very delightful evening.

Austria threatens to act alone if powers refuse to land forces.

London settlement concludes tomorrow.

Bank of England rate unchanged to 4 1/2 per cent.