

VERY SAD NEWS

Received in a Cablegram
From Johannesburg,
South Africa.

R. ELTON MULLIN,
LATE OF THIS
CITY,

succumbs to an Attack of
Enteric Fever.

CAREER OF GREAT USEFULNESS
BROUGHT TO A CLOSE.

The sad news was received here this morning of the death at Johannesburg, South Africa, yesterday, of Dr. Eldon Mullin, late principal of the provincial Normal school in this city. It came in the form of a cablegram to his brother, Dr. B. M. Mullin of St. Marys. No particulars were given other than that death had resulted from an attack of enteric fever. About ten days ago the doctor was notified by cablegram of his brother's illness, but his condition was not then looked upon as serious, so naturally the sad news received today was a painful shock to him, as well as to the whole community.

The deceased gentleman was widely known as an educationalist, and his numerous friends all over the country will learn of his demise with feelings of the deepest regret.

Dr. Mullin severed his connection with the New Brunswick Provincial Normal School in February last, after nineteen years of faithful service, and in company with his daughter, Helen, started for S. A. to accept a lucrative position offered him by the educational authorities of that country.

Shortly after Mr. Mullin's arrival he was appointed deputy director of education for the Transvaal, at a salary of £5,500 per annum, and was filling that important and responsible position at the time of his death. He had entered upon his duties with the same vigor and enthusiasm which had characterized his work in this province, and considering the difficulties he had to contend with, was meeting with a success far beyond his own or the public expectations. In a recent letter to his brother here, he stated that the Imperial government had provided him with a furnished house at Johannesburg, with free light and fuel at a cost of \$30,000. It was purchased especially for his use from the ex-American consul. In another letter he stated that the government had promised him a pension of \$1000 a year for life on condition that he remained five years in the country, or if he chose to remain for a period of 10 years he would receive a pension at the end of that time of \$1500 per year. He intimated that he had made up his mind to accept the last proposition, and hoped to be able at the expiration of the ten years to return to Fredericton and spend the remainder of his days here in retirement. It was on February 13th, 1902, that Mr. Mullin took his departure from Fredericton, and it is certainly a strange coincidence that news of his death should be received on the first anniversary of the date of his departure.

Mrs. Mullin, accompanied by her three sons, left here in September last and joined her husband at Johannesburg on November 1st.

Although no word has been received as to what disposition will be made of the remains of the deceased, his brother is of opinion that interment will be made at Johannesburg.

The late Dr. Mullin was born in Fredericton in the month of December, 1850, and was therefore in the 53rd year of his age. When quite young his parents removed to Gagetown, Queen's county, where the subject of this sketch spent his boyhood days. After matriculating from the Gagetown grammar school, he entered the University of New Brunswick, but the death of his father compelled him to abandon his studies at the end of two years and engage in teaching. He taught at Havelock, Peticodiac and other parts of the province with a success that soon won for him a provincial reputation. In 1879 he was appointed school inspector for the counties of York, Simsbury and Queen

and discharged his duties in an eminently satisfactory manner. He resumed his studies at the U. N. B. in 1880 and graduated the following year with the degree of B. A. In 1884 he took the degree of M. A., in course, and last year his Alma Mater conferred upon him the honorary degree of LL. D. For many years Dr. Mullin was actively identified with the Alumni Society of the U. N. B., and in 1895, delivered the oration for the Society at the annual exercises. In 1883, on the elevation of Mr. Crockett to the Chief Superintendency of Education, he was appointed principal of the Provincial Normal School, a position which he filled in a highly satisfactory manner, down to February 1st, 1902, when the Board of Education granted him one year's leave of absence to go to South Africa, to assist in re-organizing the educational system of that country on New Brunswick lines. Having decided to remain in South Africa for a longer period, he lately forwarded his resignation to the Board of Education and it was accepted at a meeting of that body last week.

It was on the recommendation of Mr. Sergeant, director of education for the Transvaal, that the Imperial authorities engaged Dr. Mullin to go to South Africa at the close of the war to assist in reorganizing the educational system of the country. Mr. Sergeant formed Dr. Mullin's acquaintance while on a tour of Canada two years ago in search of ideas to assist in the solution of the educational problem in South Africa, and was most favorably impressed with his method of teaching and skill as an organizer. In no other province did he find the conditions so well adapted to the needs of South Africa as in New Brunswick, and the tempting offer afterwards made to Mr. Mullin on his recommendation, was not only a great personal tribute to that gentleman but an honor to our educational authorities and an honor to the province. The acceptance of the position undoubtedly meant a great sacrifice to Dr. Mullin, but a patriotic desire on his part to render a service to the empire in time of need, was sufficiently strong to overcome all other considerations and he consented to undertake the work. On February 13th, 1902, he bade his relatives and friends good-bye and set out upon his seven thousand mile voyage to a strange land, to become, as the sequel has shown, a martyr to the cause of education.

Dr. Mullin is survived by a widow, formerly Miss Annie Keith of Brunswick, Queens county, and family of one daughter, Helen, who is a member of the teaching staff of the public schools at Pretoria, and three sons, Rupert, Garth and Keith, all at present in South Africa. He also leaves three brothers, Dr. B. M. of St. Marys, Thomas D. and M. S. of Minneapolis, and two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Scott of St. Marys and Mrs. F. H. Alward of Havelock, Kings county.

Skating Party.

Miss Ada Tupper entertained about twenty-five of her lady and gentlemen friends to a skating party at the Arctic rink last evening. The affair was in honor of H. M. Eastman of the Board of Works office, who has made his home with Miss Tupper's parents during his stay in Fredericton, and who is leaving tomorrow for Pittsburg, Pa., to accept a situation. On leaving the rink the company repaired to Miss Tupper's home on Northumberland street where refreshments were served and the balance of the evening was very pleasantly spent in games and other amusements.

Death at St. John.

Miss Mary Grigor, formerly of this city, and a sister of the late Mrs. M. Hartt died yesterday at the residence of her niece, Mrs. Frank H. White, St. John. The remains will arrive here tomorrow morning and will be interred in the old burying ground. Undertaker John G. Adams has charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Beckwith's Death.

Thomas A. Beckwith, formerly of Oromocto, son of the late Hon. J. H. A. Beckwith of this city, and half brother of City Clerk Beckwith, Mrs. J. K. Hazen, and Mrs. Burnside of this city, is dead at Somerville, Mass.

Curling Notes.

The Fredericton curlers expect to visit St. Stephen early next week.

In the managing committee series last night A. R. Wetmore defeated Dr. Bridges 14 to 9.

Fine Beef Cattle.

Mr. McDonald a prominent St. John butcher shipped a large number of fine beef cattle to that city Tuesday night, from purchases made in Kingsclear.

Fancy Dress Ball.

Mrs. H. G. C. Ketchum is to entertain a large number of her lady and gentlemen friends to a fancy dress ball at her residence, Elmcrest, this evening.

Hiawatha Concert.

Next Wednesday's concert promises to be a great musical treat. In addition to the dramatic scenes from Hiawatha, (which created a sensation amongst the Montreal musical public week before last, when the Oratorio Society presented that work) there will be solos by Miss Mayme McConnell, Albert E. Massie and Mr. Saunders; part songs by the Festival chorus of 60 voices, and quartettes by Messrs. Massie, R. C. Murphy, Saunders and Frank Cooper. Tickets and plan of ball at McMurray's.

Scott Act.

A contested Scott Act case, in which the information was laid by Rev. J. J. C. Oter, engaged the attention of Col. Marsh at the police court. The evidence of several witnesses was taken, without disclosing anything to incriminate the defendant being brought out, and at the request of the prosecution an adjournment was made until Tuesday.

Famous Hockey Team.

The Wanderers of Halifax, the champion hockey team in the maritime provinces, will make their annual tour next week and will visit St. Stephen on Thursday next, February 19th, and cross sticks with the Thistles. The Wanderers may also play in Fredericton.

Chance for the Boys.

The management of the Arctic rink have placed an order with a city jeweller for two gold medals, which are to be put up for competition among local speed skaters in the near future.

LOST.

A Gold Brooch, 3/4 moon, set with stones, was lost on Queen street Thursday afternoon. Finder will please leave at Herald Office. Feb. 12—dtf

WANTED.

A girl to learn Dressmaking. Only those with a taste for sewing need apply. MISS MCCORQUINDALE, Charlotte street, 3rd door above Dr. McLeod's. Feb. 10—dtf

WANTED.

Two Coat Makers. Highest wages to good hands. W. E. SEERY. Feb. 11—dtf

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From the 1st of May, the upper flat of the Subscriber's House, 220 Brunswick street, containing 9 rooms. Good yard and shed. For terms apply on the premises. E. A. DUFFY. Feb. 10—dtf

TO LET.

That desirable house on George street near the Kirk Church, known as the Atherton house. Possession given 1st May next. R. W. McLELLAN. Feb. 7—dtf

TO LET.

A suite of offices in the building on Queen street opposite the Post Office, at present occupied by Allan B. Wilmo, barrister. Possession given on May 1st. Apply to G. T. WHELPLEY. Feb. 5—dtf

HOUSES TO LET

Houses to let. Apply to D. LUCY. Feb. 3—dtf



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MIDDLEMORE HOME.

Persons wishing to secure Children from the Middlemore Home, Birmingham, England, can get application forms from the undersigned. As the forms of application differ somewhat for Boys and Girls, kindly state which is required.

All applications should be in on or before APRIL 1st.

February 9th, 1903
J. W. SPURDEN,
Secretary to Committee.

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