

STORY OF SENATOR WARK'S LIFE

As Told by the Venerable Gentleman Himself.

AN INTERESTING AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Covering a Period of One Hundred Years.

Hon. David Wark, Senator of Canada, and an honored citizen of Fredericton, who today celebrated the one hundredth anniversary, occupies the unique position of being the oldest legislator in the world.

The story of his life, written by his own hand for the Telegraph a year ago, is as follows:

Born in Ireland.

"I was born," writes Senator Wark, "on the 19th February, 1804, in the County of Donegal, Ireland, five miles from the City of Londonderry. In my fifth year I was sent to the parish school. The teacher taught reading, writing and a little arithmetic, but nothing more. A few families who could afford it had employed a better scholar at their own cost, and in my eighth year I was sent to this school, where I commenced my education in English grammar, with which the teacher was well acquainted. Unfortunately, however, he did not have the gift of teaching, for I remember that when we came to the conjugation of verbs we skipped them, yet he expected that when we were called to parse a sentence that we could tell the mood or tense of a verb, when as a matter of fact we were ignorant of them.

"I could commit to memory with great facility and could repeat Murray's Introduction from the beginning of orthography to the end of syntax, but never having had the meaning of a single definition explained to me I was totally ignorant of the meaning of it. I came to the conclusion from that experience that a child should never be set to commit anything to memory without first understanding its meaning. Our teacher died and I was afterwards sent to a private school kept by our Presbyterian minister.

To New Brunswick in 1825.

"When I reached my sixteenth year, my elder brother left home for the United States, and I was taken from school. My oldest brother had entered the service of the Hudson Bay Company, and did not wish me to give up my studies, as he hoped that when old enough he would get me a situation in the company's service. I therefore helped on the farm and went to school alternately, and I was well qualified for a clerkship when I received a letter from him in the fall to prepare to join him the next spring. Soon after that word came that the Hudson Bay Company had joined the North West Company and that the new company would have more servants than they required, and consequently there would be no room for me.

"At the end of my 21st year I came to New Brunswick. That was in 1825. At that time New Brunswick had two great industries, namely, ship building and the shipping of pine lumber. The province had only 74,000 inhabitants, but it was a hive of industry. I found, however, that clerks were not wanted but men to work at manual labor. There was plenty of employment in the shipyards and good wages prevailed. I worked in a shipyard during the first fall and winter and the next year I helped to build a brig at Dorchester. The year following I helped to build a schooner at Moncton, or rather at the Bend, where Moncton now stands. When the schooner was finished I painted her, and as the owner wanted to go to sea in her he engaged me to take charge of his store and keep his books, which I did for a time.

As School Teacher and Merchant.

"The school at that place was then vacant and I engaged with them as a teacher and taught there for the two years following. There was no Presbyterian church there and having heard that there was one at Richibucto I wrote to the minister, who encouraged me to move. I taught school at Richibucto for eight years, commencing with twenty-eight pupils, only a few of whom could read. When I gave up school had over sixty pupils, some of whom I had taught

all the usual English branches but geometry, algebra, trigonometry, mensuration and navigation, but I found I was doing too much for one person.

"My health began to fail and I had to give up teaching. I then engaged in mercantile business at Richibucto and continued in it thirty out of the forty years I spent at that point. I did not confine myself wholly to that, however, but got a farm and took great pleasure in raising good crops and owning good animals. The most valuable service I rendered the agricultural interests was bringing Prof. Johnson to the province. He was an agricultural chemist occupying about the same standing in Great Britain that Liebig did in Germany. I had noticed in a paper that he was coming to visit the United States and I moved an address to the lieutenant governor asking him to invite Prof. Johnson to visit this province and report on its agricultural capabilities. As a result of this action Prof. Johnson visited New Brunswick and his report proved of great value. A large edition was printed at first and afterwards a second edition of 10,000 for circulation in Great Britain.

Elected M. P. P. for Kent.

"In 1842 the people of Kent elected me to represent that county in the House of Assembly, my colleague being the late Honorable Judge Weldon. The first vote I gave in the house was to place Mr. Weldon in the speaker's chair. This left me alone to represent the county in the active work of the house and the committees, and as a result gave me very much extra work. At that time Kent sent only two members, while other counties had four or five. We had some committees in the house composed of a member from each county, and as a result I had to serve on them all, while the members of the large counties could divide the work. Besides that, I took part in all the legislation on agriculture and education which came up during all the time I sat both in the assembly and legislative council, and when I left the council I was a member of both the provincial board of agriculture and the senate of the university.

Father of Important Legislation.

"In 1847 a large majority of the representatives in the three parliaments in the North American provinces were extreme protectionists, those who favored a revenue tariff being in the minority. After several lengthy debates, I moved a resolution that an act should be passed authorizing the governor, by proclamation in the Royal Gazette, to admit goods the growth and manufacture of any North American province, free of duty, whenever it should be made to appear to him that such province admitted our products free of duty. The resolution passed at once, and was reported to the house, which accepted it and ordered the committee of trade to prepare a bill giving effect to it. I think this was the most valuable service I ever rendered to the North American provinces.

"The Nova Scotia legislature, which was then in session was informed of New Brunswick's action, and that province immediately passed a similar bill, but the larger province of Canada including what is now Ontario and Quebec, refused to exchange manufactures with us. As a result, we had to revise our legislation, and this policy was not carried into effect until 1849, when a proclamation was issued. Under this act all the products of the farm, the forest, the mine and the fisheries passed freely from province to province from that date to the time we entered confederation; and the only change then made in the free trade between the provinces forming the confederation was that manufactures were added to the list.

"Our American neighbors up to the time this act came into effect, in 1849, were treated the same as the other provinces had been, but now they had to pay duties, and as a result the United States was found ready to enter into reciprocity, a treaty for which was made in 1854 and continued in force until 1866."

His Political Career.

In explanation to the above narrative, it might be stated that the Honorable Mr. Wark was not only elected to the New Brunswick House of Assembly in 1842, but again in 1846, and sat eight years in that house. He was then appointed to a seat in the legislative council, which he filled for 16 years, during which he was part of the time a member of the executive government, and at one time receiver general of the province. As stated above, he was summoned to a seat in the senate of the dominion in 1867, at the time of the confederation, which position he has occupied ever since. In the senate he has served on the committee of banking and commerce, which also has charge of railways, and in joint committee of both houses on printing and libraries, etc. He took an active part in reforming the educational institutions of New Brunswick when the legislature substituted for King's College the University of New Brunswick; and he was for 20 years a member of the senate of the university, which conferred on him the degree of doctor of laws.

In 1862, the Honorable Mr. Wark married Elizabeth Annie Burpee, who was born in Sheffield, Sunbury Co., and whose family is an old provincial one, having come here previous to the Loyalists. Mrs. Wark died three or four years ago, and their only child, Miss Helena Wark, lives in Fredericton with her father.

Senator Wark has been a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, and has always been identified in politics with the Liberal party, in whose councils he has been for many years a force. Although a century old, Senator Wark is still hale and active. His memory,

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