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A DISTINGUISHED STATESMAN.

The death of United States Senator Platt, announced last week, removes from the political stage one of the most prominent statesmen of the neighboring republic.

Although past seventy-seven years, he maintained his mental vigor up to very recently and his length of service in the highest deliberative assembly of the United States stretches across twenty-six years.

As long ago as 1855, he was clerk of the State Senate of Connecticut, and was elected secretary of state in 1857. He was, in the sixties, a member at different times of both branches of the Connecticut legislature, and was speaker of the House at one time. His election to the United States Senate was to succeed the late William H. Barnum.

One of the principal advisers of President Roosevelt, says the Boston Herald, was the senator from Connecticut. His long service, his cool judgment, his fine ability, his devotion to his party, and profound understanding of congressional methods, as well as his knowledge of the country, gave him a high standing in the estimation of the chief executive.

His constructive statesmanship is considered to have been ably displayed in the preparation of the Platt bill, which all hope has launched the republic of Cuba on the path of national greatness.

The Senator's genius as a lawyer, especially when great constitutional questions were involved, was such as to make him the ablest advocate of "the inherent right" of the administration's course in taking the Philippines. Pitted against him frequently in debate was Hoar of Massachusetts, and the utterances of these two great students on the constitutional rights of the United States in acquiring territory and governing it form the lasting literature of the Senate on this question. Physically, Senator Platt was an impressive figure. He was more than six feet tall, erect, strongly but gracefully built, and with features which, above a full beard, often reminded his friends of Abraham Lincoln.

A MINISTER'S ILLNESS.

Sincere regret will be felt all over Canada at the news of Hon. James Sutherland's critical illness.

Mr. Sutherland has been a prominent member of the House of Commons for the past twenty-five years, and a member of the cabinet for six years, filling the position of minister of public works very acceptably since Mr. Tarte's retirement.

When his party was in opposition he was one of the valiant fighters behind Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and his advancement to a cabinet position was well received all over the country. Perhaps no single man in Ontario has done more to advance Liberal interests than Mr. Sutherland, and his eminent services are much appreciated by his party. He is a strong campaign organizer, energetic and popular, and has held the confidence of the electors of North Oxford continuously since he entered public life a quarter of a century ago.

HARD TO RECONCILE.

The outbreak of Archbishop Langevin against the school clauses of the northwest autonomy bill is in marked contrast to the ravings of the other extreme agitators, who take the ultra-Protestant view, and it is rather difficult to reconcile the opinion of His Grace with the statements of men like Mr. Foster and Dr. Sproule. The former declares that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is sacrificing the rights of the Roman Catholic minority in the new provinces, while if we are to believe Mr. Foster and his kind, the Roman Catholics are getting everything going in the northwest.

Probably both gentlemen are wrong. The autonomy bill simply guarantees the minority the rights given them by the constitution and the regulations of the northwest government and will injure nobody, but if either the Archbishop or Mr. Foster and his followers had their way there would be an end to peace and prosperity in the northwest.

The Halifax Chronicle's assault on Dr. Osler for his ill-natured sneer at

Pictou was quite justified. Pictou it is quite true is not a large place but it has produced more eminent men in proportion to its population than any other town in Canada. Dr. Osler, no doubt, is a very clever man, but so were Rev. Principal Grant and Dr. William Dawson, both of whom hailed from Pictou. If it is not Dr. Osler looking for he is getting it since his foolish chloroform address at Chicago and his sneer at Pictou.

There is no opposition yet to Hon. Frank Oliver's re-election in Edmonton. Some weeks ago in Parliament Mr. Borden challenged—dared Sir Wilfrid Laurier to open a seat in the Northwest and the Government would soon discover how unpopular the autonomy bill is. Well, the seat is open and the Tories have not the courage to even put up a candidate. What has become of all their brag and bluster?

The lumbermen have reason to be alarmed at the present prospects for log driving. The water in the river St. John has seldom, if ever at this season, been as low as it is at the present time, and if there are not heavy rains in the near future, the logs cut during the past winter will scarcely be brought to market—a serious condition for this province.

Mr. O. S. Crockett's extreme views on the autonomy bill are criticized and condemned by many members of his own party in this constituency. Mr. Crockett was not sent to parliament to form a sectarian agitation.

Admiral Rojestvensky and his Russian Pacific squadron have left Kamranh Bay and reports indicate that he may have run across Admiral Togo.

MARYSVILLE NEWS.

Presentation to Miss Robinson—Easter Services—Personal.

April 24.—Last Saturday afternoon, Miss Winnie Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Robinson, was presented with a beautiful gold ring with opal setting. The presentation was made on behalf of the parents of the Sabbath school scholars and friends of the Church of England congregation, in recognition of that young lady's valuable services as organizer for the Sunday school, and it being Easter they thought a more suitable season would be hard to choose. Although Miss Robinson was taken by surprise, she was certainly worthy of the handsome gift.

There was joy in the family of Mr. Charles Hudson last Saturday, the occasion being the arrival of a baby girl, a splendid Easter gift.

As the season advances so do the season's sports, hockey, marbles and hide and seek have given away to base ball and leap frog, and almost daily at noon hour will find several of our young men and boys playing both games. Speaking of base ball, there is some talk of the members of Marysville Lodge Knight of Pythias, forming a nine to play the Oddfellows, some evening next month. The battle will likely take place on "Base Ball Hill" and as both lodges contain some excellent players, a good game is promised. Of course both sides expect to win.

Notwithstanding the cold blustery day yesterday, the usual Easter hats were worn and most of them were very becoming.

All the church services were well attended yesterday and special Easter music was provided in nearly all.

Mr. William McElwain and his son Thomas, left Saturday afternoon for St. Stephen to spend Easter with friends there.

Mrs. E. J. Payson, spent part of Saturday in Marysville, the guest of her friend, Miss Merritt.

The early service in the Anglican church was well attended and Rev. Dr. Duffy preached a very eloquent and appropriate sermon. Professor Cadwallader had charge of the musical part of the service.

The ladies of the congregation of the Anglican church, are making arrangements for a concert to be held in the town hall on Thursday evening, May 11.

Rev. Dr. Duffy, spent Saturday night in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tapley.

The Methodist church was well attended on Sunday morning. The Rev. R. S. Crisp preached an eloquent sermon appropriate to the day, and the Easter music, under the direction of Prof. Cadwallader, was finely rendered.

Miss Nellie Purkess of St. John, spent Easter with her parents at Pine Knoll, and returned to St. John today.

GIBSON NEWS.

April 25.—All the churches were well attended yesterday and the usual Easter services were conducted. In the Methodist church Rev. William Harrison of Prince Edward Island, occupied the pulpit, the pastor, Rev. James Crisp, having been called to Woodstock, his son Spencer, being ill, suffering from pneumonia.

Two services were conducted in the St. Mary's English church at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., by Rev. Mr. Duffy, with Holy Communion in the morning. There was also special Easter music. Mrs. George Logan presided at the organ.

Our little village is quite busy just

at present, as the men are loading scows at the mouth of the Nashwaak and as the mills of Marysville are running day and night it is necessary to employ two crews loading in order to keep the river clear.

BITS OF NEWS.

Items of Interest Culled from Our Exchanges and Other Sources.

At Niagara Falls, N. Y., Sunday, Mrs. Mary Dunn, 33 years old, committed suicide by swallowing an ounce of carbolic acid.

Peter Chambers, a St. John's Nfld. merchant, was washed overboard and drowned from the steamer Ulunda on her way from London to Halifax, via that port. No one saw him fall overboard, but a splash was heard, and an unavailing search was at once instituted, the boats returning in the darkness.

The body of Miss Miranda Bricker, aged 55 years, who had been criminally assaulted and strangled to death, was found Sunday morning in the rear of the Fairchild Home, Mount Vernon, Ohio, where she had been employed as housemaid. There were evidences of a terrible struggle on the part of the woman, who had been dragged 500 feet from the place where she was first attacked.

At Belmont, Manitoba, Saturday night, S. J. Jackson of Selkirk, the first Dominion member to take part in the campaign in Mountain, informed the electors that before the Roblin government took action for the boundary extension the Manitoba members, the Saskatchewan members and the Ontario members had discussed the matter among themselves and had arrived at a basis of agreement, which, though informal, and as yet unofficial, embodied beyond a doubt the basis of settlement on which the matter will be arranged.

A report from Frank, Alta. states that a fire has been burning in the main entrance of the coal mine at Canecchia, of the American Oil and Coke Company, and has caused considerable damage. The fire is confined to one section of the mine and will be smothered out. There has been no loss of life.

A fatal accident occurred at the C. P. R. loop just east of Michael, B. C., Saturday, in which J. W. Thall was killed and George Walker was injured. Thall was thawing dynamite when a stick exploded and scattered about for wide distances. Geo. Walker was hurled through the air a considerable distance and terribly mutilated. He is now in Michael and may possibly recover.

Mrs. Regina Walgering, wife of Deputy Sheriff Frank J. Walgering, and her two daughters, Regina May, aged 18, and Angela, aged 13, were found dead at their home in West Fifty-second street, New York, Sunday. They had been killed by illuminating gas, which was pouring from a jet in the room in which the bodies were found. Coroner Scholer pronounced the deaths due to accident. It is supposed the mother was awakened by the odor of gas and was overcome when she went to the assistance of her daughters.

The White Cliffs of Dover.

The white chalk cliffs of Dover, renowned in poetry and history, are said to be slipping slowly into the sea that for so many thousands of years has dashed at their base. A portion of the cliffs fell some time ago, and recently a further portion at St. Margaret's bay, Dover, has given indications that it is also slipping seaward. Cracks in the land have opened, and some portions of the cliffs have already fallen into the sea, where they form at low water a long causeway seaward. It has been suggested that the blasting operations at the admiralty harbor, Dover, may have loosened the outer portions of the cliffs.—London Letter.

DIED IN CAMBRIDGE.

Mrs. Lewis Purdy, nee Miss Jessie Estey of This City, Called Away.

Word has been received here of the death at Cambridge, Mass., on Thursday last, of Mrs. Lewis Purley, formerly Miss Jamie Estey of this city. She was a daughter of the late Mr. Frank Estey and a niece of Mrs. J. W. Spurden, and also Mrs. J. D. Fowler of this city. For some years she has been residing at Cambridge, and was married there two years ago, her husband being a native of Nova Scotia. Besides a husband she is survived by a little daughter, about one year old. Her mother, one sister and one brother, are residents of Cambridge. The deceased was only eighteen years of age. The remains were interred at Cambridge.

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