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PREFONTAINE DEAD.

Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries Passes Suddenly Away at Paris.

WIFE PROSTRATED BY THE BLOW—HIS COLLEAGUES' TRIBUTE.

Paris, Dec. 26.—Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, the Canadian minister of marine and fisheries, died here suddenly last night.

Mr. Prefontaine, accompanied by Hon. Randolph Lemieux, the Canadian solicitor general, recently came to France in connection, it is said, with the establishment of a line of steamers between Marseilles and Canadian ports. Soon after his arrival in Paris, the minister complained that he was suffering from heart trouble, but he continued to fill his engagements. During the progress of a banquet given in his honor Dec. 21, he was seen to be suffering acutely, but this at the time was attributed to emotion while replying to a toast to his health.

The minister on Saturday visited Lille and Dunkirk, but on returning to the hotel Continental here, he was compelled to take to his bed and a physician was sent for. The latter pronounced Mr. Prefontaine's illness to be serious, and a specialist was called into consultation. Complete rest was advised and all engagements were cancelled.

At 9 o'clock last night the administration of medicine was followed by a choking sensation. The last sacraments were administered and death followed immediately.

The British Ambassador, Sir Francis L. Bertie, was notified by Hon. Mr. Lemieux and arrangements for the funeral of the minister were at once begun.

SHOCKED BY NEWS.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier received a cable from Solicitor-General Lemieux, who was in Paris along with Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, stating that Mr. Prefontaine died suddenly at 9 o'clock last evening.

The premier was greatly shocked upon receiving the sad news which deprived him of the services of a valued and esteemed colleague, of a warm personal friend and a life long political supporter.

When Mr. Prefontaine left here he was in the best of health and spirits. His business was with the British admiralty and also in connection with certain proposed improvements for the St. Lawrence.

The late Mr. Prefontaine was extremely popular with all classes. Politically he was one of the best campaigners in the province of Quebec. In the house of commons he was a favorite with both sides.

MRS. PREFONTAINE'S GRIEF.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—News of the sudden death of Hon. Raymond Prefontaine in Paris at 9 o'clock Christmas night was received here last night in a cable from Jules Clement, secretary to the minister.

A later cable from Solicitor-General Lemieux, who accompanied the minister of marine to Paris, says that heart disease was the cause of death. The cable announcing the death came to J. L. Perron, the minister's former law partner here, who conveyed the message to Mrs. Prefontaine, who resides in Montreal. The news of her husband's death prostrated her.

The minister of marine left Montreal four weeks ago for London. His visit abroad was to take up the question of a naval reserve with the home authorities and also to consult with experts regarding improved ice-breakers for the St. Lawrence and Straits of Northumberland. Another purpose was to consult financiers concerning the scheme of building a bridge across Montreal harbor. After his London sojourn Hon. Mr. Prefontaine left London for a pleasure jaunt to Paris.

TRIBUTES FROM COLLEAGUES.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, when asked what he had to say respecting his colleague's death, replied:—

"The news of Mr. Prefontaine's death was a great shock to us all. He was at all times so well and

hearty that he was the last man I would have expected to be called away so suddenly. His death will be felt as a great loss not only to the Liberal party, but to a wide circle of friends in the Province of Quebec, and particularly in the vicinity of Montreal, where he was connected in municipal affairs a long time.

"He was one of the most popular ministers, and one of the most popular members of the house of commons being always courteous, affable and anxious to please. Even when the business of his department was under criticism his agreeable qualities always won sympathy, even from his opponents. He was deeply interested in the varied work of the department. Perhaps the question which most interested him was his active sympathy and best efforts for the improvement of the St. Lawrence channel. To this he gave great attention and much good work was accomplished during the period of his administration."

Hon. Wm. Patterson was greatly shocked at the terrible news. He said: "The late Mr. Prefontaine was a most genial man and a great favorite with those who knew him. He was well liked by the house of commons, and as a member he took great interest in his department. He was very much alive to the importance of improving our waterways, and especially the St. Lawrence. The late Mr. Prefontaine looked to be in the prime of health, and I can't tell how shocked I am at his sudden death."

MANDEMENT ON TEMPERANCE.

Montreal, Dec. 25.—Archbishop Blais, of the Roman Catholic diocese of Montreal, issued a mandement against intemperance which was read in all the churches under his jurisdiction.

A short time ago his grace pronounced that he would soon begin a crusade against the use of alcoholic liquors and in line with that programme as read today purposes to establish temperance centres in every parish and to limit the number of hotels, saloons and other places where intoxicating beverages are sold, to impose high taxes for licenses and to maintain general suppression measures.

The archbishop declared that the clergy would be first to set an example and it would be expected that heads of families would do likewise.

"Let all kinds of alcohol disappear from the homes," the letter reads in part, "and let the treating practice be done away with and temperance leagues be established in every parish for children, young men and heads of families with St. John Baptist as patron."

The reverend Franciscan fathers are appointed apostles of the temperance movement in the archdiocese.

Mr. A. Hamilton McKee, of the department of railways and canals, Ottawa, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McKee. Mr. John Owens of St. John spent Christmas at his home here.

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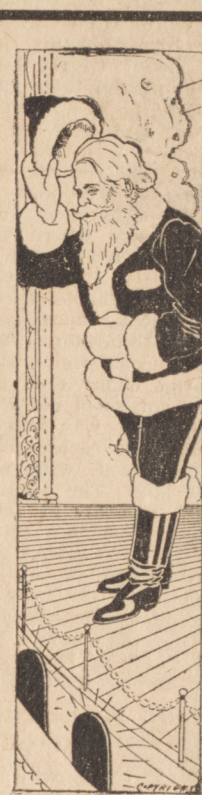
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