

and loved and served the Empire well, and of whom it was well said, in recollection of what he had accomplished for his country and the example he had set for his countrymen:

"He nothing fears  
The long to-morrow of the  
Coming years."

Sir John Thompson left Ottawa for England on the 29th October.

**A SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS**

Chanted in London over Sir John.

LONDON, December 14.—Funeral services over the body of Sir John S. D. Thompson, late premier of the Dominion of Canada, were held in the Chapel of Our Lady, in Spanish Place, this morning. The services, which consisted of a solemn Requiem Mass with the usual antiphonal chanting, began at 11 o'clock, at which hour the coffin arrived at the west entrance to the chapel. Upon the coffin was a solitary wreath of bay and laurel leaves, with white streamers. This was the wreath which had been placed upon the body at Windsor by the Queen herself. The coffin, the outer shell of which is of mahogany, bore a heavy brass shield with the inscription:—

THE RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN S. D. THOMPSON,  
P.C., K.C.M.G., M.P., Q.C.  
Premier and Minister of Justice of Canada.  
Died at Windsor Castle, December 12th, 1891.  
Aged 50 years.  
R. I. P.

As the coffin entered the chapel it was covered with a heavy pall of rich black velvet, upon which was a large golden cross. Beneath the cross were inscribed in golden letters the words, in Latin, "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

A procession was formed at the west door and the coffin was carried to the altar. Preceding the coffin were a number of acolytes, one of whom carried a cross and the others bearing lighted tapers. The procession marched up the aisle to the altar, where a catafalque had been erected upon a line with the altar, standing upon a rich carpet of purple and gold velvet. Upon each side of the catafalque were six immense candelabra, which shed a weird light around the space in front of the altar, greatly adding to the impressiveness of the scene. The mass was celebrated, at the command of the Queen, by the Rev. Father Longinoto, the pastor of St. Edward's church in Windsor. He was assisted by Canon Barry, of the chapel of Our Lady. Although the weather was cold, damp, foggy, and in every respect disagreeable, there were a considerable number of persons in the church.

Among those who were present were: Sir Charles Tupper, the Marquis of Ripon, secretary of state for the colonies; Lord Hawkesbury, representing the Queen; Baron de Courcel, French ambassador; Lady Russell, Hon. Cecil Rhodes, premier of Cape Colony; Senator and Mrs. Sanford; Sir J. A. Garry, Sir J. Osborne Morgan and Mr. Edward Winfield, C.B., of the Colonial office; Mr. J. C. O'Halloran, secretary of the Colonial institute; Mr. Hargreaves, of Toronto; Baron Tennyson, Major Jameson, the administrator of the British South Africa company; the Earl of Jersey, who was the representative of the British Government at the Intercolonial conference recently held in Ottawa; Baron Mount-Stephen, formerly president of the Canadian Pacific Railway company; Charles Lennox Peel, clerk to the Privy Council; Sir Saul Samuels, agent-general for New South Wales; Sir Robert Herbert, agent-general for Tasmania; Sir Charles Mills, agent-general for the Cape of Good Hope; General Laurie, the Hon. Thomas Playford, and many others, including all of the permanent officials of the colonial office.

Miss Thompson, the daughter of the dead statesman, was accompanied by Senator and Mrs. Sanford and occupied a seat in front of the altar immediately facing the coffin. The young lady was deeply affected throughout the service. After the coffin was placed upon the catafalque two additional wreaths were placed upon it. One was a wreath and cross composed of white flowers from Lady Tupper, and the other was the offering of the dead man's daughter. At the conclusion of the services, which ended with the chanting of the absolution, the friends of the dead Premier passed around the coffin and looked upon the face of the dead. When the mourners had dispersed the coffin was taken into the private chapel of the church and

later conveyed to the private mortuary of Messrs. Wm. Garstin & Sons, No. 5 Welbeck street, where the body will remain until it is removed for the purpose of transportation to Canada.

**An Exceptional Honor.**

Yesterday, the 18th December, the remains of the dead Premier were placed on board H.M.S. Blenheim to be conveyed to Halifax. This honor is most exceptional and certainly one of the highest works of respect that the British Government could pay the Canadian statesman.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD PREMIER.**

Expressions of Sorrow in all the Churches of Canada.

Countless are the resolutions of condolence that have been passed. Almost every society, club and organization in the Dominion sent up a note of grief in the mighty chorus of sympathy.

**The Sir John A. Macdonald Club.**

One of the largest meetings of the members of the Sir John A. Macdonald Club was that held Saturday to pass resolutions of regret at the death of the late premier. The large hall in the St. Lawrence Hall was filled to overflowing when President F. S. McLennan called the meeting to order.

Senator Murphy moved the first resolution, which read as follows: "That the members of the Sir John A. Macdonald Club having heard with profound regret of the sad and lamentable death, at Windsor Castle, of Canada's Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Sir John Thompson, K.C.M.G., at a moment that he had achieved the highest honor that has ever been bestowed upon a Colonial statesman, desire to record their sense of the incalculable loss sustained by his political party and his country, and to express to his afflicted widow and children their deep sympathy with them in a bereavement the sadness of which, they trust, may be mitigated by the universal sympathy of the peoples of two continents, and by their possession of the splendid heritage transmitted to them by the honored dead—a name spotless in private life that shall ever be illustrious in the history of this country."

Senator Desjardins seconded the resolution, which was spoken to by the Hon. J. J. Curran, A. W. Morris, M.P.P., R. M. England, M.P.P., E. E. Spencer, M.P.P., M. J. F. Quinn, Q.C., A. W. Atwater, Donald Macmaster, Q.C., R. L. Gault and H. B. Ames.

All the speakers spoke most feelingly and particularly the Hon. Mr. Curran, whose tribute was one of the deepest and most touching, perhaps, that was ever paid by one Canadian to another.

**IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES.**

In every Catholic Church throughout Canada, from Halifax to Vancouver, prayers were offered up for the repose of Sir John's soul, and from every pulpit came eulogistic expressions such as few men have ever been the object of.

**ST. JOSEPH'S, OTTAWA.**

In St. Joseph's, which Sir John attended, the Rev. Father Constantineau said: "Since last Sunday God, in His infinite wisdom, had asked a great sacrifice from the people of Canada. By Sir John Thompson Canada had lost her greatest statesman. In religion he was a loving child, and of the parish of St. Joseph a devoted and conscientious member." He did not propose to refer to Sir John's political career, but it must be a source of consolation and pride to all who loved and honored his memory to know that political friends and opponents were unanimous in honoring and testifying to his noble character and high attainments. The preacher said he was unequal to the task of pronouncing an eulogy upon Sir John as a private citizen; as a true member of the Catholic Church, as a statesman, as one who had loved his country sincerely, Sir John Thompson will always be remembered, and his name would shine forth through pages of the history of Canada. Sir John was remarkable for his devoted attention to his religious duties. On the Sunday immediately before his departure for England he was present at that sacred altar to receive the consolation of the Holy Communion. To his bereaved family this should be a source of supreme consolation in this hour of their affliction. They had the full and perfect

hope derived from the knowledge that the duties which Sir John Thompson had to perform in every walk of life were well and faithfully done.

At St. Patrick's church Rev. Father Whelan also paid an eloquent tribute to the deceased Premier, in the course of which he said: "I know, because he told me so himself, that Sir John Thompson's favorite character in British history was Sir Thomas More, and in truth there are many points of resemblance between the two, though it be presumption for me to say so. The biography of Sir Thomas More showed him to be a plain, unselfish, high-minded man, and a Catholic by religion, who, taking the position in the world to which God had called him, had worked out for himself by his own energy and talents a career that would satisfy the most ambitious. He rose from a simple citizen to a high subject, and by steady application to the duties of his office had earned for himself a distinguished reputation. His life was marked by an ardent devotion to family and with a special regard for his daughter. He was a thorough Catholic and it was his customary habit before undertaking any matter of importance to confess. Had we not in that biography a faithful history of the life of him who on Wednesday last within a few minutes answered the gracious summons of his Queen and then the awful summons of his God. When his spirit had fled, the electric wires and the printers' types were straining themselves in spreading the news that in Windsor castle lay the body of one of the brightest and most brilliant men in the world, the body of Canada's Prime Minister, with the crucifix upon his breast. He had been devoted to the last in the faith that had been ostracized from those Royal walls and which it had long been considered treason to profess."

**IN THE PROTESTANT CHURCHES.**

At Christ Church Cathedral the Dead March in Saul was played, and Rev. Canon Norton, D.D., delivered a most touching tribute. In St. George's Church the same solemn music was heard, and Rev. Mr. James preached upon the departed. In the Church of St. James the Apostle, Rev. Canon Eilegood delivered a very eloquent funeral oration. At Trinity Church, Rev. Canon Mills spoke feelingly of the Premier. At St. Stephen's Church Ven. Archdeacon Evans pronounced a most pathetic and powerful sermon from the text "Our Hope." Rev. Dr. Ker, in Grace Church, asked for the prayers of his congregation for the comfort of the bereaved, and spoke highly of the illustrious deceased. It is well known that Sir John had been a member of the Methodist Church before becoming a Catholic, and consequently the glowing sermons delivered in St. James Methodist and Dominion square Methodist churches, come with a special and promising significance. Rev. Dr. Hunter in the latter, and Rev. S. P. Rose in the former, spoke in terms so characteristic of Christian charity that many moist eyes were in their respective churches. In the Calvin Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Smyth preached on the subject in a very feeling strain, and at Erskine Church a tribute was paid by Rev. A. J. Mowatt. In St. Andrew's Church, Rev. J. Edgar Hill, M.A., B.D., in the course of his sermon said:

"Our Premier was at his best and highest estate that mournful day at Windsor, and behold it was altogether vanity. The occurrence, itself so appalling was no chance stroke of an evil fate, and no direct blow of a divine hand. Our dead Premier lies in his coffin today, the victim of fell disease operating by natural laws, bringing round tragic but natural results. Only in that understanding of the laws of life and the causes of death can any one learn a lesson of wisdom from his sad fate. His doctor at Ottawa diagnosed a disease which is probably as much the product of what we call worry as any other disease. It is not hard work that kills a man at 50, especially a man who lived so sensible as Sir John Thompson. But worry has killed the strongest man and wisest lives at 25. A man of Sir John Thompson's level head should have stood and would have stood the ordinary and legitimate worry of his high office for many years without suffering from the strain. It is a shame to worry our public servants because of concerns that lie outside the range of their public duty. It is a crime against our country to embarrass a minister of

the Crown in the discharge of his duty by attacks on his ecclesiastical connection and insinuations against his sincerity and conscientiousness. People are far too ready to take up such matters and magnify them by the exaggerating glass of their own shallow minds. Time and again I have felt my indignation rise to white heat at the unfair and uncharitable assaults made upon Sir John Thompson, because in a matter of ecclesiastical opinion he happened to differ from his assailants. And if his untimely fate should lead the bigots to pause and consider many a good man may be spared much unnecessary worry and many a good life may be spared to do better service to our country. Sir John Thompson's untimely death will not then have been in vain. The loss Canada has sustained is very great—so great that we cannot just yet estimate it. Canada's loss is greatest of all in the death of a true and unselfish patriot. His ambition was to serve his country, and he did serve her honestly and unselfishly. The self-seeker is too much in evidence in modern politics. For his country he gave his best effort; for his country he gave himself. What patriot can do more? What patriot has ever done more? Where is the Canadian who is not proud of the honors paid to our dead Canadian? What more could the Imperial Government have done for the best and bravest and most exalted of Briton's sons? No price of the blood could have more princely carrier to convey his remains to his native shore. That splendid battleship of significant name as she bounds her way across the ocean will teach a great object lesson to the onlooking world. God help that broken hearted widow and her fatherless children. They are the best part to us of a father who earned your undying gratitude for his noble services. They are laid upon our national bosom and they should be cherished to the day they die. They are ours and we shall bear with them the burden of their sorrow. We shall also care for them as for our own, and they shall bless their father's memory all the more that they bless us who love them because we loved him so much.

**IN MONTREAL.**

In all the Roman Catholic churches of the city, as in fact all over the Dominion, special prayers were asked for the repose of the soul of the late Premier, Sir John Thompson. In St. James' Cathedral Rev. Father Racicot, before delivering the sermon at Grand Mass, referred to the death of Sir John Thompson and the great loss sustained by the people of the Dominion in his death, and earnestly requested the congregation to pray for him.

At High Mass in St. Patrick's, Rev. Father Quinlivan, the parish priest, spoke in feeling terms of the late Premier. The moment he mentioned Sir John Thompson's name the large congregation became visibly affected. Father Quinlivan, in asking the prayers of the congregation for the dead statesman, said:—

"I feel that more than a passing mention is due to the memory of this distinguished man. Altogether, apart from politics, the people of Canada, without distinction of class or creed, sincerely mourn the loss of one whose equal seldom appears. But great as he was by his ability as a statesman he was greater still by his moral worth. Sir John Thompson was not merely an honest man in the best sense in which the world understands it, but he was more over a fervent Christian, an humble, faithful Catholic, who valued his Faith and his conscience above all else. In his early manhood he became convinced of the truth of Catholicity and allowed no obstacle to deter him from embracing the truth. He was proud, as he ought to be, of calling himself a Catholic, and was never afraid or ashamed, when duty required it, to proclaim his unswerving allegiance to the Holy Catholic Church. Notwithstanding, his arduous duties, I have been told, on reliable authority, that he went every month to his confession, and those who knew him in the intimacy of personal friendship bear testimony to his scrupulous delicacy of conscience. He was the soul of honor, of honesty, and the highest of noble principles! What a lesson for those Catholics who imagine they can further their worldly interests by keeping their Catholicity conveniently out of sight, by forgetting and ignoring many of its strictest obligations, by keeping their religion,