

SENATOR ELLIS DEAD; USEFUL AND BUSY LIFE IS HONORABLY CLOSED

Hon. John V. Ellis Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon after a Lingering Illness—A Veteran Newspaper Man and Distinguished Canadian—Died Full of Years and Honor, with Record of Work Well Done

Deep sorrow was caused among the people of St. John yesterday afternoon by the news of the death of Senator John V. Ellis, which occurred shortly after noon at his residence, on Princess street. Plugs at half-past one on the public buildings proclaimed the passing of one of the city's most eminent citizens, and the sad news quickly spread and was received with expressions of profound regret.

Nearly four score years of age, he had lived a full and laborious life, and exercised helpful influence upon the community. He leaves to his family an honorable name, and the memory of a life well and bravely lived, and to his fellow citizens an example of public-spirited endeavor, an inspiration to good service to the common weal.

Mr. Ellis was married in 1844 to Mary Caroline, daughter of the late S. W. Babbit, of Fredericton, who survives him, as do his seven children: Mrs. H. Lawrence, F. B. Ellis, Dr. W. L. Ellis, Mrs. E. R. Taylor and G. D. Ellis, all in St. John, and J. V. Ellis, Jr., engaged in newspaper work in North Yakima, Washington, and Joseph N. Ellis, barrister, of Vancouver, who has been at home for some days. Two sisters, Mrs. John J. Kline, and Miss Mary Ellis, reside in Halifax. There are fourteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

His Political Career. In 1874 he was a candidate for Parliament in opposition to an alliance between Messrs. Durpee and Palmer, and was defeated. In 1882 he again entered the political field and was elected as a representative of the City of St. John in the Provincial Legislature. At the general elections in 1888 he was again returned to the legislature, but in a short time he resigned, and ran for the House of Commons, defeating Mr. Barker, now Sir Frederic Barker, Chief Justice of the Province. At the elections of 1891 he was defeated by Justice McLeod, but in the election of 1896 he was again returned by the city of St. John. For a time it was generally believed by the people of New Brunswick that he would be called to the cabinet, but the party leaders evidently felt that his independent and critical spirit would not contribute to the happiness of the cabinet family, and he was passed over in favor of Hon. A. G. Blair.

unpopular at the time, as a large portion of the leading citizens in St. John, in common with those of other towns in the Maritime Provinces, sympathized with the Southern Confederacy, largely, perhaps, because of the persistence of the memory of wrongs endured by the Loyalists at the hands of the Yankees.

In his earlier days also he earned considerable unpopularity by opposing the entrance of the Maritime Provinces into the Canadian Confederation and advocating commercial union with the United States. But with advancing years, his views were intensely unpopular his fearlessness in expressing them gained him a reputation for courage and independence, and his obvious sincerity of purpose commended the respect of the people.

Had he foreseen the remarkable industrial development set in motion by the adoption of that policy with which the name of another distinguished citizen of St. John, Sir Leonard Tilley, is inseparably associated, he would probably have been more inclined to favor the Canadian Confederation. As he grew older, and the greatness of the destiny of Canada became apparent to him, he changed his views on confederation. He was a broad Imperialist as well, and was made evident by one of the last acts of his public career, his vote for the Borden Naval Policy.

His name was frequently mentioned in connection with the lieutenant-governorship of New Brunswick, a position he was eminently fitted to advise, and there is no doubt his appointment to that office would have met with the hearty approval of the people of this province.

schools, attending the closing exercises whenever possible. He presented a gold medal for an annual composition among the high school pupils, and he donated prizes to St. Vincent's and other schools. He was a member of the Senate of the University of New Brunswick. He was president for many years of the National History Society of St. John, and took a keen interest in its work. Among other positions he was president of the S. P. C. K. for several years, and a director of the Horticultural Society.

A 33rd Degree Mason. Senator Ellis was one of the most eminent Free Masons in the Dominion. He was a member of the 33rd degree. He filled the office of Grand Master of the order in New Brunswick and represented the province at a great Masonic gathering in Belgium. He was P. G. High Priest of the Grand Chapter in New Brunswick, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sov. Gt. Priory of Canada, Commander-in-Chief of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for Canada, and Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Members have often commented upon the fact that even during times of intense and to him vital, political struggles he kept Masonic Union No. 541 strictly separate from his political activities, and made no distinction with the order between those who were his political enemies and those who were his opponents.

Throughout his career as an editor, Senator Ellis never allowed considerations of expediency or popularity to influence the content of his paper. He was a man of a finely cultivated mind and a passion for fair play, he had a habit of summing up in his editorials the issues of the day, and his question, but he seldom left his readers in doubt as to his own views, and could express his views with unflinching candor. When he believed he was in the right, nothing could turn him from his course. His uncompromising independence, his readiness to make sacrifices in what he conceived to be the cause of the public, was illustrated by many incidents in his career, but perhaps by none more effectively than in his memorable defiance of Judge Tuck in connection with an election case in Queens county. His persistent and fearless criticism of the court, and his refusal to retract his statements, caused a great sensation, when he was sentenced to a month's imprisonment for contempt of court and condemned to pay a fine it was generally felt that he had been treated with undue harshness. At any rate on his return to St. John, after serving out his sentence, his reception by the enthusiastic demonstrations that had been witnessed in the city for many years, is an event to be recorded in the annals of the Dominion. It is interesting to be able to record that in spite of the harshness of his treatment, he subsequently became reconciled with Judge Tuck, and up to the time of the death of the Chief Justice numbered him among his warmest personal friends.

A Distinguished Man Gone.

In the death of Senator Ellis the public life of this country loses a distinguished exponent of the doctrines of the older school of Liberalism. Impregnated with the spirit of modern Imperialism, and the City of St. John loses one of its best known and most worthy citizens. A man whose public and private life has never been touched by the breath of suspicion, upright and honorable in all his dealings, pronounced in his views but tolerant of other people's opinion, he had, by patient and unflinching devotion to the public interests, achieved a place in the life of the community that cannot be easily filled.

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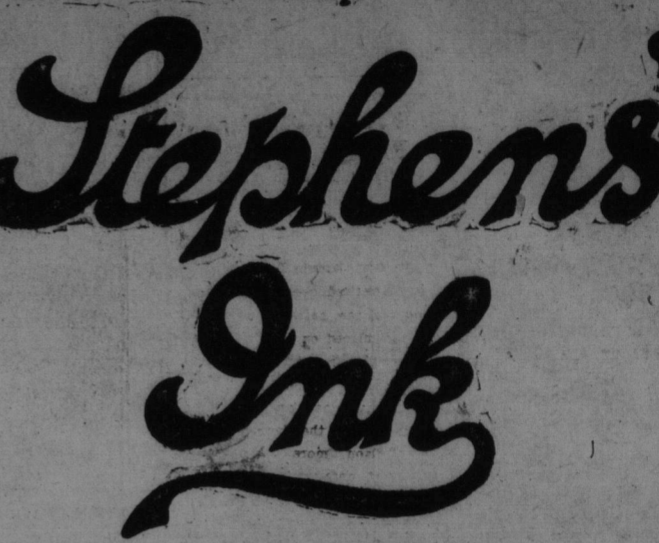
In 1871 the Globe was established on its present site. When, in 1876, Mr. Ellis became postmaster of St. John, a position which he held for four years, Mr. Armstrong assumed the editorship and associated with him was Richard O'Brien, who began his newspaper career in the office later, when ill-health obliged Mr. Armstrong to give up active work, the late T. N. Robertson and Mr. O'Brien became partners, and in 1896 the concern was made into a joint stock company, with Mr. Ellis as president and editor.

His Attitude in U. S. Civil War.

In the struggle between the Northern and Southern States Mr. Ellis's sympathies were strongly enlisted on the union side, and he gave vigorous expression to his sympathies in his newspaper, a course which made him

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OBITUARY Mrs. Otty Fanjoy. White's Cove, July 10.—At Mill Cove, on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Otty Fanjoy died of consumption. She was only about twenty years old. She leaves one child and her husband. She is a daughter of Geo. Crozier. Funeral will be held at Mill Cove on Friday afternoon.

NEW WORLD'S RECORD. Raleigh, N. C., July 10.—Earl Mack, son of Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, is believed to have made a new world's record yesterday for chances accepted in a ball game between the Raleigh and Durham Clubs of the Carolina League. Mack accepted thirty-one chances, twenty-nine put outs and two assists, without an error. The game went eighteen innings.

WANTS INCREASE IN NAVY. Mr. Fred A. Britten, Representative in Congress from Chicago, issued the following statement to the Naval League of the United States:— "The United States is right now face to face with a great emergency as far as her programme for battle ship construction is concerned. So great is that emergency that I intend to move, at the first regular meeting of the Committee on Naval Affairs that a resolution be at once reported to the House providing for an emergency appropriation sufficiently large to make it possible to begin the immediate construction of three dreadnaughts this year.

Received Many Honors. In the course of his long career Senator Ellis was the recipient of many honors, and testimonials of public esteem. In 1907 he and Mrs. Ellis were presented to the King and Queen and specially invited to a garden party at Windsor Castle. When he celebrated, two years ago, the 50th anniversary of his editorship of the Globe, his brother journalists throughout the Dominion seized the occasion to pay him grateful tributes.

MONCTON NEWS PAPER MEN PAY TRIBUTE. Moncton, July 10.—At a meeting of local newspaper men held here this evening, the following resolution was adopted respecting the death of the dean of Journalism in this province: "That whereas, in the dispensation of Providence there has closed the life's work of the Hon. John Valentine Ellis, editor-in-chief of the Globe newspaper of St. John, N. B., and principal proprietor of the same, and also senator of the Dominion of Canada, and whereas, we, representing the newspaper publishing as well as the printing business of the city of Moncton, have learned, with deep regret, of the passing away of our distinguished confere;

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EMPRESS OF THE THE ALLAN The Allan Line S. S. 164 miles east of Cape York, yesterday, and will be on Saturday at noon on Sunday.

DANGERS TO NAVIGATION. The schooner Borneo has been chartered to Restigouche by the Restigouche Harb. Co. with the option of Restigouche Harb. Co. A British barque, the "Merrill", has been chartered to Restigouche for Trinidad, \$11.

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SIGHTED ICEBERG. Steamer Indiana reported 48 53, lon 49 09, lat 47 18, lon 51 57, saw two groiners.

STEAMER BARCELONA. Steamer Barcelona reported 48 03, lon 47 15, latitude about 1,900 feet and lat 47 56, lon 48, 300 feet long and 100 feet wide.