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PUGSLEY LOSES Moosejaw Women Attend Meeting To Hear Maritimes Claims

When Hope Was High For Recovery, Takes Sudden Turn For Worse and Succumbs to Pneumonia

TORONTO, March 4.—The long and brilliant career at the bar and in the service of his country of Hon. Dr. William Fugsley, K. C., former Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, ended here at 11.15 o'clock last night, following a turn for the worse in his brave battle to throw off an attack of pneumonia with which he was stricken here recently. Rallying after his condition had become serious enough to summon relatives to his bedside, the veteran statesman seemed on his way to complete recovery, despite his being in his 75th year. A change was noticeable late yesterday, soon after he breathed his last.

Accompanied by Mrs. Pugsley, Hon. Dr. Pugsley came here enroute to Western Canada where he was to hear several claims as commissioner for the Federal Government. Two weeks ago Sunday, he took ill. His son, John A. T. Pugsley, St. John, was summoned to Toronto but left for home on Fri-

day, thinking the danger was over. Mrs. Pugsley was with Hon. Dr. Pugs-ley when the end came. IF William Pugsley had lived until the 27th of September next he would have been seventy-five years of age. He was not so old a man as years

the 27th of September next he would have been seventy-five years of age. He was not so old a man as years go, but his life has been one of great energy and activity. He left his native place in Sussex, Kings county, when he was fifteen years of age to attend the University of New Brunswick, from which he graduated three years later in 1868, winning many honors, among them the Douglas Gold Medal, and being second in the race for the famous Gnehrist Scholarship, which entitled the winner to a course at the University of London, England. Pugsley as a boy and youth—for between the ages of fifteen and eighteen when he earned his degree, he had not arrived at the age of manhood—gave promise of Pugsley, the man who in later years served his province and the Dominion of Canada so well and was considered among our national leaders.

After his university course, William Pugsley studied for the bar and four years later, in 1872, was admitted to practice. He entered into partnership in the city of St. John with his brother and Hon. J. Herbert Crawford, another Kings county man, who was for a time Solicitor-General in the government of New Brunswick. The firm of Pugsley, Crawford & Pugsley continued until the death of Mr. Crawford, who passed away early in life. During that time William Pugsley was, however, also reporter of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, a position which he held for ten years. He did not enter politics until 1885, but during the forty-year period that has elapsed since then, William Pugsley has always been in the public eye, first in New Brunswick, where upon his election in Kings county to succeed Hon. Dr. Vail, he almost immediately began to make his mark in the provincial legislature. He was re-elected by the people of Kings county in 1886 as well as 1890 and it was a considerable tribute to his parliamentary knowledge and skill that in 1887 he was chosen as the Speaker of the House, a position which he filled until 1689. It, is said of Dr. Pugsley that he made an ideal presiding officer. His decis that he hade an unitary that he hade a like his decisions were fair and a Speaker in those stormy political days, when the passages across the floors of the House were not always good tempered required an equable disposition as well as a firmness of demeanor to impress those who were under his control. It was at that time that William Pugsley won the reputation for courtesy that has always remained with him. I've men were privileged to rival him in this respect. Whether on the floors of the legislature or in the House of Commons, whether examining a witness in the court room or arguing a case on appeal, whether on a campaign platform or addressing public audiences as the Chief Executive of New Brunswick, Dr. Pugsley was always a genas the Chief Executive of New Brunswick, Dr. Pugsley was always a gentleman. He could criticize and analyze the arguments of political opponents and hold some of their statements, it may be, up to ridicule, but he never adopted a personal attitude that could be regarded as offensive. In his lifetime William Pugsley had many opponents, but all or nearly all of them, were political and not personal.

DR. PUGSLEY'S career in the Legis-DR. PUGSLEY'S career in the Legislature was a brilliant one. When he resigned the Speakership in 1889, he was invited by the Premier of that day, Hon. A. G. Blair, to accept the Solicitor Generalship which had been vacated by Hon. R. J. Ritchie, magistrate of the united cities of St. John and Portland. Hon. Mr. Pugsley was re-elected by the people of Kings county in 1890 and he held the office of Solicitor-General until 1892 when he resigned to give that attention to his law practice that it demanded. It was about that time that Hon. William Pugsley became that Hon was recognized by the fellow practitioners and the emminent in law. He was recognized by his fellow practitioners and the bench as in the front rank of many good lawyers who were then practising at the bar of New Brunswick. Although from 1892 until 1897 Mr. Pugsthough from 1892 until 1897 Mr. Pugstime to his chosen profession, in that time to his chosen profession, in that the first became a candidate for and energy to this end and the city of St. John was beginning to spend a lot from the west Side of the harmoney on the West Side of the harmoney on the West Side of the Premier of New Bruns-

Leaders Pay High Tribute ToDr. Pugsley

ALL over the country are monuments to his memory erected because of his great and broad vision. He was a notable figure everywhere he went; his magnetic manner and lovable personality endeared him to his friends.

"It was my privilege to be intimately and confidentially associated with him during my term of office as Premier and his friendship, which I enjoyed, will always live in my memory.

"The sincere sympathy of the people will be extended to his bereaved widow and family."

Dead In Toronto

HON. P. J. VENIOT, Premier of New Brunswick, who is now at the provincial capital, was informed over the long-distance telephone of Hon. Dr. Pugsley's death.

The Premier early this morning issued the following statement expressing his sincere regret and sorrow at the death of "New Brunswick's ablest public man":

"Word of Hon. Dr. Pugsley's death comes as a great shock to me, as I know it will to his many friends throughout New Brunswick.

"The reports we had from Toronto during the last few days were so cheering and so favorable, I had hoped that Dr. Pugsley would win his fight with that dread disease,

was putting up a battle against tremendous odds, but there always seemed the chance he would re-

WITH Dr. Pugsley's passing
New Brunswick loses a great
friend. I think I may reasonably
say that Dr. Pugsley was New
Brunswick's ablest public man.
He served this province in many
positions of prominence, as a member of the Legislature, as a Provincial Cobinet Minister, as Premier,
as Minister of Public Works in the
Laurier Cabinet and then as Governor.

"In all these important positions he rendered a great service to the people of New Brunswick, and brought to the offices a keen mind, a wonderful administrative ability, and a charming personality.

"New Brunswick today mourns the passing of a distinguished son and statesman."

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HON, Dr. W. E. Foster, former Premier of New Brunswick, said this morning:

"I am deeply grieved to learn of the death of Hon. William Pugsley and, with the sadness of the news will come to all a realization of the great place he filled in the public life of the country and in the hearts and affections of the people.

"Being a man of extraordinary ability, his great achievements during his public career will be of lasting value to the country. As a representative in Parliament, he retained the confidence of the people to a wonderful degree and rendered great service to the Liberal party.

bent his wonderful energy and ability own city of St. John. This, with other to the solution of many problems bearing upon transportation and port equipment that were so necessary to of the city whose interests were upper the progress of the country.

own city of St. John. This, with other structures built or re-modeled by him water to all the new buildings that were erected on the sub-division around the Manor House. Besides this Dr. Pugsley spent a large sum of money in erecting spent and spent Town Topics

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pronounced them the finest they had ever eaten." F. Dempster, The Mill House, S. Moreton, Wallingford, England.

"Thank you very much for the wonderful box of chocolates which I received yesterday. I may add that the box I received last year was sampled by nearly every one in this village and the next and all

period, and many public works were undertaken. The Transcontinental and Grand Trunk Pacific were being constructed and the Department of Public Works, as well as the Department of Railways, was contributing to the efficiency of the public services of the country. During Dr. Pugsley's regime as Minister of Public Works, St. John had many improvements made to its harbors, several piers built on the West Side, the new post office and armory constructed and a start made so far as plans and preparations for contracts were concerned, upon the Courtenay Bay breakwater, dredging and dry dock. Re-elected again in 1911, Hon. Dr. Pugsley became one of the very outstanding figures of the opposition, because in that Reciprocity contest the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was overthrown. From 1911 to 1917 he left of period, and many public works wer

Leader of Oppositon Doubts Statement of Finances; Calls for Public Audit

government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was overthrown. From 1911 to 1917 he held his seat in the Commons to the left of the Speaker, and during that time he was an outstanding figure in Parliament. The contest between leaders in the House of Commons in 1913, when the naval measure was before the House, is still recalled and well remember.

The life of Dr. Pugsley is in a sense the history of New Brunswick for the last forty years. Few men were as well known in their native province. No man was more respected. His busy life has erded too soon. There will be great regret at his passing and the sympathy everybody will be tendered to his de-voted wife and the relatives who held

im in such high regard. He leaves to mourn his wife, former Miss Gertrude MacDonald, of St ohn, and two sons, John A., of St. John, and William G., of Ottawa, and one sister, Mrs. G. L. Tapley, of St.

Endorse Project For Prison Farm

project.

Mrs. C. W. Dickinson was appointed to draft the resolution. The meeting was opened with special devotions with Mrs. W. H. Murphy as the leader.

Each One an Ambassador, is Plea of Evangelist in Main Street Congregation.

Is Assured of Sympathy of West With East In Battle For Recognition Of Claims

NOTE: Following a brief rest, Mr. Belding has begun his return journey to St. John. Today he will address a meeting in Regina and is due to speak in Winnipeg before the Maritime Association on Friday. From Winnipeg Mr. Belding will go to Fort William and will call again in Toronto and Montreal on his way home. The special representative of The Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star continues to be cordially received in the Western cities and his mission is laying a foundation of incalculable value to the Maritime Provinces.—Ed.

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lal Representative of The Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star now touring Western Canada in the interests of the Maritime/Provinces.



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