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JOHN CAMERON DIED SUDDENLY SPEAKING AT LAYMEN'S MEETING

Was Postmaster of This
City and the Founder
of The London
Advertiser.

HEART DISEASE CAUSED DEATH

Tragic Ending of a Session Called
to Consider the Promotion
of Mission Work.

"At a former meeting I favored the higher figures, but we are not of one mind on the subject, and I would be sorry to suggest, and I would greatly regret, that anything should be decided upon that would be divisive among us."

With these words of gentleness and charity upon his lips, Mr. John Cameron, postmaster of London, and founder of The London Advertiser, dropped dead, just as he had resumed his seat after speaking at the meeting of the laymen's missionary movement at the Y. M. C. A. banquet hall, at 8:45 last night. Death was due to heart disease.

Appeared in Good Health

He appeared in perfect health during the evening, laughing and joking with those around him while supper was in progress. During the various discussions he several times took part, speaking quietly and without excitement. Towards the close of the meeting, the question of the amount to be aimed at on behalf of the missionary cause was being debated, some suggesting that the amount be fixed at \$5 per member, or \$50,000 for the city, others stating that \$7 per member, or \$70,000, should be the amount aimed at.

The Brief Speech.

At this point Mr. Cameron rose and said:

"At a former meeting I favored the larger amount, and think still that as a standard, and ideal to be aimed at, it is not too high. Though it might not be reached this year, nor the next, nor even the year after, still it would be an ideal towards which we might aim. As, however, we are not of one mind on the subject, I think it would be better to adhere to the plan originally settled upon. I would be sorry to suggest, and would greatly regret, that anything should be decided upon, that would be divisive among us."

Mr. Cameron spoke without effort, and resumed his seat without anything apparently the matter.

Mr. Cameron Taken Ill.

Mr. German, the chairman, had risen to close the meeting with prayer, when those around Mr. Cameron noticed him breathing heavily and a pallor stealing over his face. The next moment he sank back in his chair.

Thinking he had only fainted, those near him raised him and laid him gently on a table, while others hastened to open the windows.

No one thought of anything serious, but as the moments dragged on, and he showed no signs of recovery, messengers were hurried out to secure doctors. An effort was made at artificial respiration to revive him, but save for one or two convulsive movements, Mr. Cameron never moved again.

Dr. Arnott Called.

When Dr. Arnott arrived, he saw at once that Mr. Cameron's condition was serious, and though everything possible was done, in a few moments after the doctor arrived, he pronounced the patient dead.

A Terrible Shock.

The sudden nature of the occurrence thoroughly unnerved many of those present, some having to leave the room, and others wandering around nervously. One man, near the door, kept repeating: "It can't be true." "It can't be true."

A hush fell over the 70 men present as they sought to realize that one of their number had left them. By ones and twos they slipped away, leaving only two of their number in the long banquet hall to watch over the dead.

Had Been Warned.

It seems that Mr. Cameron had been warned time and again that speaking in public would be dangerous to him, and might at any time prove fatal, but the zeal that was in him made him active in all religious and charitable work, and despite the warning he could not be contented to sit idly by, but must join in the conflict.

Signed the Petition.

Early in the evening, a petition against Sunday street cars was circulated in the meeting, and almost at the end of the list stands the name of John Cameron, and the last time he ever put pen to paper was to add his name to a cause which he thought was just.

Rev. Mr. Inkster, the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Cameron had long been a member, was quickly sent for, and in company with Mr. McDermid, a brother-in-law of Mr. Cameron, broke the sad news to the family of the deceased.

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HIS LAST THOUGHTS.

At the moment when the late Mr. John Cameron was taken ill last night at the Auditorium, he had in his hand the notes of the address he had given earlier in the evening. They were secured by The Advertiser, and are as follows:

First Presbyterian Church—Mr. Inkster has now the weekly mission envelopes, and expects to have the laymen's missionary committee appointed at the annual meeting in January.

Our plan was, at last annual meeting, to get a resolution from the congregation endorsing the weekly mission envelope. The congregation readily agreed.

There was some delay, as there were old envelopes on hand, and the other sort needed to be got.

The matter was not allowed to drop, and, to cut a long story short, the special printed batch of weekly mission envelopes went into operation on the first Sunday of November last in our congregation.

There was no special, personal canvas, but a well-worded circular explaining the change, and its desirability, and the minister commended it from the pulpit. Envelopes were sent to all.

Our missionary treasurer informs me 135 persons began at once to use the weekly missionary envelopes, and that the increase of missionary revenue is being and will be realized.

He says some young people give 5 cents a week, which means \$2.60 a year; and that a number of fairly well-to-do persons who never before contributed to missions, now contribute through these envelopes, which were sent out to all.

How to do it? If you can get your congregation to endorse it. Given the goodwill of the minister, and two or three persistent laymen, the weekly mission envelope can be introduced into any congregation.

VERY SUDDEN DEATHS OF TWO POSTMASTERS

Mr. Thomas Browne, Whom Mr. Cameron Succeeded, Fell Dead While Curling.

It is a strange coincidence that Postmaster Cameron's predecessor in office, Postmaster Thomas Browne, died suddenly. During the winter of 1902 he was curling in Simcoe street rink and expired immediately after making a play.

The late Mr. Cameron was a member of London Lodge, A. O. U. W. Star Lodge was in session when word came of his sudden death, and a resolution of condolence was passed by the members, several speakers expressing much regret at his untimely death.

THE GLOBE'S TRIBUTE TO JOHN CAMERON

The Toronto Globe says editorially today:

There have been but five editors of the Globe since George Brown founded the paper away back in the stormy days following the rebellion of 1837. One of the Globe's five editors died last night at London, cut down suddenly. Mr. Cameron was not an old man as years ago—he was but 65—yet in his lifetime he had done much and seen much. He founded The London Advertiser while still a lad of 20. It remains a vigorous and loyal Liberal paper, a monument to the splendid ideals of its founder. In 1875 Mr. Cameron first made his appearance in Toronto journalism, launching the Liberal as the organ of the Blake wing of the party. Those were the days when the Confederation was still in its infancy, and when there were many and exceedingly diverse views as to the future of the Dominion. Mr. Cameron never concealed the fact that he looked forward to an independent Canada as the ultimate goal. The Liberal was discontinued after a year, and its editor went back to London.

In 1882 he succeeded Mr. Gordon Brown as editor of the Globe, and retained the position till 1890. They were stormy and difficult years. The Riel rebellion, the passing of the Jesuit estates act in Quebec, the equal rights movement in Ontario, and the unrestricted reciprocity agitation, were all embraced in those eight years, and Mr. Cameron's task in steering between the Scylla of Quebec Nationalism and the Charybdis of ultra-Protestantism in Ontario was a hard and thankless one. His colleagues of that time know with what a high sense of honor and with what devotion to the best interests of his beloved land he was actuated, and how cheerily he went upon his way amid the jibes and sneers that fall to the lot of the men in the forefront during times of national stress.

His death removes one who sought continually the good of his fellow-men, and who was throughout life far more desirous of being right than of securing popularity. May that long be true of Canadian journalists.

White Plague Carrying Off Indians

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—The annual report of the superintendent of Indian affairs shows that during the fiscal year ending last March the Indians in Canada numbered 110,205, a decrease of 40. The preceding report showed that the Indians in 1906-7 increased by 160.

Nine Dollars Didn't Tempt This Man

There are honest street car conductors in London.

Yesterday an American lady came to this city to visit relatives. She got on a Wellington car going north. When the conductor came around for his fare she tendered him a \$10 bill, thinking it was a \$1 note. He thought it was of the smaller denomination and counted the lady out the change for a dollar.

When he went in last night, he discovered that he was \$9 ahead of the game.

He then remembered this woman giving him the money, and as she asked for the location of Mr. John J.

Dwyer's home at 591 Richmond street. He went there and inquired for her. When she came he asked her if there was anything wrong with her change, and on investigation she found that she was \$9 out. The man promptly returned the money to her.

"There are honest conductors in Canada at any rate," said the lady. "I would never have known the conductor again, and I did not miss the money. Of course I am glad to have it back, but I am just as pleased to know that a man who could have taken it preferred to be honest."

The conductor was given a nice present as a reward for his honest behavior.



THE LATE JOHN CAMERON.

Postal Department Bars Eye-Opener

Toronto, Dec. 2.—The postal authorities have received a notice from the postal department at Ottawa informing them that the Eye-Opener, published at Calgary, Alberta, has been added to the list of publications that have been denied the use of the mails. This move is said to be the first victory of Daniel McGillicuddy, editor of the Calgary News, in his fight to put the Eye-Opener out of business. The Calgary News recently published a letter under the title of "Nemesis," which the courts held libelled Mr. Edwards, the owner of the Eye-Opener, and for this Mr. McGillicuddy was fined. The latter declared his intention of pursuing Mr. Edwards to the "last ditch." The order of the postal department is said to have been forced by Mr. McGillicuddy.

PORT-AU-PRINCE TURNS OUT GOVT.

The Haitian Capital Revolts and Carries Through a Bloodless Revolt

Port-au-Prince, Dec. 2.—The people of Port-au-Prince have revolted against the Government. They are now in possession of the city. There has been no fighting with the Government troops.

A provisional government has been established, and General Legitime has accepted the presidency of the new administration.

Coup Was Unexpected.

The events of the morning came before they were expected. Uneasiness was noticed throughout, but it was not thought that the outbreak would occur so quickly, nor that the movement would be successful without the shedding of a drop of blood.

President Nord Alexis is still at the palace. The members of the diplomatic corps are in conference at 9 o'clock this morning to facilitate the departure of the president from the republic.

The coup has been remarkably successful. All the remaining ministers, together with the high military officials under Nord Alexis, have taken refuge in the various foreign legations. These are the same men who nine months ago were protesting vociferously against granting the right of refuge to unsuccessful revolutionists by the foreign diplomatic and consular representatives. Today they are only too happy to seek the protection of a foreign flag to escape the fury of the people.

Only One Loyal.

The only man to remain loyal to President Nord Alexis is General Camille Gabriel, his nephew, who for the last six months has directed the policy of the Alexis administration. Gabriel is at the palace with Alexis.

The movement had been well organized. The final preparations were completed last evening, and in the early hours of the morning bands of citizens, organized and armed, moved quietly about the town, and took possession of various points of vantage.

The movement was directed by General Canal, a member of the senate. It is a remarkable fact that not a shot was fired. The soldiers of Nord Alexis saw that the rebels had the upper hand, and they quickly let it be seen that they had no intention of starting a fight that undoubtedly would have resulted in much bloodshed. The presence of the American cruisers, Des Moines and Tacoma, and the French cruiser, Duguay Trouin, undoubtedly had a restraining influence.

WHITEFISH FRY.

Sandwich, Dec. 2.—Forty million whitefish have been secured in Lake Ontario for the fish hatchery here, and the hatchery is now stocked with the largest amount of spawn ever secured in any one season. The work has been carried on by Wm. Hill, John McLean and Fred Stewart, of Sandwich, under the supervision of J. M. Hanley, fishery inspector for Eastern Ontario. Out of 40,000 caught only about 100 were destroyed.

LONDON ENGINEER AND MATE HURT JUMPING FROM CAB

Driver Crouch and Fireman Cummings of G. T. R. Severely Injured While Leaping to Safety When Collision With Box Cars on Siding Was Imminent.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Chatham, Dec. 2.—The engineer of the G. T. R. westbound passenger, No. 21, H. Crouch, of London, had his arm badly twisted and Fireman E. F. Cummings, also of London, fractured a knee while jumping from the cab when a collision with two box cars on a siding at Prairie Siding, was imminent, this morning. The train hit an open switch and shot into the box cars, demolishing one and badly battering another loaded with sugar beets. The engine was very badly damaged. Engineer Crouch hit a telegraph pole while sailing through the air. The passengers were badly shaken up. The train was to have stopped at the station and was slowing up a little. Traffic on the main tracks was not blocked. The auxiliary was rushed from Windsor and an engine from Belle River carried the train to its destination.

The official account of the accident says: Passenger train No. 21, which leaves this city daily at 6:30 for Windsor, ran into an open switch at Chatham this morning. Engineer Harry Crouch and Fireman Cummings, both of this city, being injured by jumping.

The engine, No. 431, was damaged. Engineer Crouch, who is one of the oldest and most reliable men on the road, received injuries to his arm, and Fireman Cummings injured his leg. As far as can be learned, no passengers were injured, although they were considerably shaken up.

Prairie Siding is a few miles west of Chatham and the siding at which the accident occurred runs up to a grain elevator. The auxiliary was not called from this city.

Engineer Crouch resides at 821 Dundas street, and Fireman D. F. Cummings at 896 Lorne avenue.

All Animals Barred at Windsor Rumor of Disease in Essex

Nothing but Humans Can Cross on the Ferry at the Border.

Windsor, Dec. 1.—A rumor that there are cattle in Essex County affected with foot and mouth disease, has brought the Canadian Government to take the last step for protecting itself. Every kind of traffic between the United States and Canada by ferry, except that of human beings, was stopped by an order received by Customs Collector Smith today. Both auto trucks and automobiles are held to be likely to spread the disease and the department of agriculture is hurrying veterinary doctors to the county today to thoroughly inspect the cattle, sheep and swine. There are nearly a score of Government inspectors here, and Mr. W. W. Stark, chief inspector for Toronto, is expected to take the last step for protecting itself. There was a vague rumor that the head of cattle supposed to be infected is in Colchester Township.

640 More Voters in City This Year Woman Voters Show a Falling Off

City Clerk Baker Has Compiled Some Figures of Great Interest.

There are 640 more voters on the municipal lists this year than last. City Clerk Baker has just compiled statements showing that this year there are 12,612 voters of all kinds on the list, as compared with 11,972 last year. They are divided in wards as follows: Ward 1, 2,197; ward 2, 1,655; ward 3, 2,890; ward 4, 2,896.

Women's Vote Decreases.

The woman suffrage movement is not gaining ground in London this year actually decreasing 209 during the year. There are now 1,808 women voters on the list, while in 1907 there were 2,017.

The number of voters entitled to express an opinion for school trustees is only 1,815.

There are also 1,216 Roman Catholic Separate school voters.

44 Vessels Are Sheltered at Point

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 1.—The steamer Iroquois arrived today with both anchors gone. She reports that 44 ships are sheltered at Whitefish Point, near the Soo. No accidents are reported.

The record wheat cargo of the season was taken out today by the steamer Meacham for Buffalo. It consisted of 421,000 bushels. It is said to be the largest cargo of grain taken across the great lakes.

Vessels Sheltered.

Harbor Beach, Mich., Dec. 1.—Sheltered. Steamers Northern Queen, Brazil and America. Wind northwest; heavy gale.

Mr. Daly Will Address Canadian Club

President Frank Lawson, of the Canadian Club, this morning received a characteristic telegram from Mr. Thomas Augustine Daly, of Philadelphia, the famous Irish writer and humorist, saying:

"I will arrive in London Friday morning to address the Canadian Club, if I have to walk."

Needless to say Mr. Lawson was greatly pleased. For a time there was some fear that Mr. Daly might not come to London, as owing to the prevalence of smallpox amongst the pupils of the Collegiate, his address there, scheduled for Friday night, had to be cancelled.

Now, however, Mr. Daly has set all doubts aside, and he will be heard at the Canadian Club luncheon on Friday next.

Those who purchased tickets for the lecture which was to have been given in the Collegiate, will have their money refunded.

City Hall Figures Show Prosperity

That times are much better than they were last year is borne out by the tax returns, which according to the statement just issued by City Tax Collector Hayes, are much ahead of last year.

The amount of taxes on the roll for 1908 was \$616,226 42, an increase of \$64,903 84 over last year, when there was the sum of \$551,322 58 to collect. The actual amount on the rolls to collect was \$605,117 42, as there were discounts amounting to \$11,109 granted to taxpayers.

Of this, the sum of \$555,743 58 has been taken in, leaving \$49,373 84 still out.

Last year at this time there was the sum of \$51,500 to collect, and consequently the city is \$2,128 16 ahead of 1907.

"Taxes have come in splendidly this year," said Tax Collector Hayes. "We have also received \$51,835 on the third installment, which is \$5,035 more than for the same period last year. We have less to collect now by over \$2,000 than last year, although we have had to collect \$65,000 more."

"It shows that there is more money this year than last. People are in better circumstances, and we have less trouble getting the cash."

"I certainly think times are better than last winter," said Inspector McEwen. "There are fewer people looking for work now than at this time in 1907. There are not many calls on us for relief, not more than is usually the case, and we find little want and destitution."

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COLD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 2—8 a.m. Today—Northwest to west winds, strong during the day; fair and decidedly cold; local snow flurries.

Thursday—Moderate to fresh west to southwest winds; fine; not much change in temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

	Today.	Yesterday.
	8 a.m.	Min. Max.
London	13	13 24
Calgary	2	13 15
Winnipeg	8	18 22
Perry Sound	10	24 46
Edmonton	18	24 28
Ottawa	18	26 40
Montreal	18	20 50
Quebec	14	24 44
Father Point	16	18 22
Dawson	16	18 22
Vancouver	24	28 36
Kamloops	28	32 40
Edmonton	18	24 32
Battleford	18	24 32
Qu'Appelle	18	24 32
St. John	34	50 54
Halifax	16	24 32

Minus (—) means below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance has now reached the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the cold wave has spread over the greater portion of the continent.