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#### OLD CANADA.

REV. J. BARCLAY, B. D.—A very rich and tempting call from the wealthiest Church in Australia was offered to this clergyman. Several leading Trustees and Elders of St. Paul's Church waited upon Rev. Mr. Barclay and learned from him that he had not accepted the call from Australia, and that he intended remaining here. The announcement gives great satisfaction to the congregation. The Reverend gentleman this morning sent a cable message to the congregation of the Scots Church, of Melbourne, Australia, stating that he was obliged to decline with thanks the hearty and unanimous call which they recently tendered him.

LANCASTER, ONT.—The Presbytery of Montreal and Glengarry, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, having agreed to the translation of Rev. Charles B. Ross, of Lancaster, to the congregation at Lachine, Mr. Ross's induction was fixed for the 18th of October.

The Rev. Mr. Ross will be greatly missed at Lancaster, but Lachine will reap the advantage. We trust that the good old Parish of Lancaster will promptly secure a worthy successor to Rev. Mr. Ross.

LOCHIEL.—*The Late Malcolm J. McCuaig.*—A very sad accident took place at Lochiel on Monday, September 5th. Early that morning, as Malcolm J. McCuaig, of Kirkhill, accompanied by his two daughters, was driving near the village of Dalkeith, a dog frightened the horse. The animal became unmanageable, and ran off; whereupon the two girls were thrown from the carriage. Mr. McCuaig, trying to control the infuriated horse, held on a little longer, till he was thrown out with great violence—his head striking against a stone. From that moment he never moved, nor spoke a word, but seemed utterly unconscious. Dr. McIntosh, of Vankleek Hill, was immediately sent for, and pronounced his trouble to be "concussion of the brain." For over twenty-four hours his life trembled in the balance, till he died on Tuesday afternoon. Immediately after the accident he had been taken to the house of Mr. McLennan, Dalkeith, where everything within human power was done for him. After his death, his remains were taken to his home at Kirkhill. Mr. McCuaig leaves a

widow, eight children, and a large circle of relations and acquaintances to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father and a good member of society. He was sixty-three years of age. He was a member of St. Columba Kirk, in full communion, and also one of the senior Trustees. He always took an active part in behalf of that congregation. Whenever work was to be done he was found most willing to lend a helping hand. He was of a cheerful disposition, and was a favorite with all. His funeral address was delivered on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 8th, by his pastor, Rev. D. Mackenzie, from the text: "Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the SON OF MAN cometh." (Matt. 24: 44). The procession consisted of over one hundred carriages, and was the largest funeral ever witnessed at Lochiel. The bereaved family has the sincere sympathy of the whole community. For many years to come the memory of Malcolm J. McCuaig will be fresh amongst all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

FAREWELL TO YOU, my children dear!  
Farewell to all my friends so near!  
Weep not, but keep our SAVIOUR'S Word,  
Then come and dwell with CHRIST the LORD!

His call came quick to me below,  
And at His call you soon must go:  
To day to MEET YOUR GOD PREPARE!  
Make this your chiefest daily care.

Oh take delight in GOD'S OWN CAUSE,  
Love and obey His gracious laws!  
Then after death your soul shall rise,  
To reign with Him beyond the skies!

LONDON, September 9.—The Government has assented to the granting of a subsidy of £45,000 yearly to the Canadian Pacific Railway for carrying the mails to and from the east.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Kirk Presbytery in this Province consists of the Rev. Mr. Christie of Wellington, Rev. Mr. Murray of Nicola, and Rev. Mr. Miller of Nanaimo.

The Rev. Mr. Miller and his wife reached Nanaimo on the 1st of July. In a very interesting letter to the Convener of the Colonial Committee, in which he describes his journey and his arrival at Vancouver City in the midst of rejoicings on account of Dominion Day, the Queen's Jubilee, and the opening of the Canadian Pacific Railway all rolled into one, he says: "Nanaimo, though very largely built of wood, has a more permanent appearance than Vancouver. The people also are more settled. The mines employ a large number both of Whites and Chinese. The Indian