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overed. He rose to accompany

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offered him my arm. He walke naided. He cheerfully remarked

I am all right, thank you." In he meantime, Dr. Reid, the Queen's

hysician, whom I had sent for

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Death of Sir John Thompson-

On Wednesday last, the sad

and shocking intelligence was flashed across the Atlantic, that the Right Hon. Sir John Thompson, K. C. M. G. Premier Canada, had on that day, died suddenly at Windsor Castle, a few minutes after he had been sworn in a member of the Imperial Privy Council. The position he occupied, his surroundings, when death came, and the awful suddenness of his taking away invest the occurrence with the most pathetic saddness. By his death Canada loses her most illustrious son; the Government of the Dominion is deprived of its able, patriotic, unselfish and stainless Leader; and the Liberal-Conservative Party suffers the loss of its loved and trusted Chief. While from a public and national point of view the loss of the great Leader seems almost irreparable, it is in the domestic circle, in the erstwhile happy home, the terrible blow is felt the keenest and the grief is most poignant. But this is a theme too sacred to be here discussed; it is only from behind the viel we may catch the sigh and "terrible undertone." To Lady Thompson and her children in their sore berevement, the heartfelt sympathy of the whole country goes The angel of death would seem to have chosen the moment and the scene of Sir John's greatest earthly triumph to summon him hence. He had just returned from Paris, where the success of his achievements on behalf of Canada were still distinctly remembered, and on his brow were still fresh the honors received from the hand of his Sovereign whom he loved and faithfully and loyally served. He was within the historic walls of Windsor, and was to have dined with her Majesty that evening and remain at the Castle all night but the King of Kings sent His messenger to bid him come and

John Sparrow David Thompson was born at Halifax, N. S., on the 10th of November, 1844. He was the son of John Sparrow Thompson, a native of Waterford, Ireland, who was for a time Queen's Printer and afterwards Superintendent of the moneyorder System of Nova Scotia His mother's name was Pattinger, a native of Pictou, N. S., and of Scottish descent. He received his early education in the common schools of his native city and he afterwards attended the Free Church Academy, in Halifax. In 1861 he began the study of the law, and was admitted to the bar in 1865. His commanding abilities and his accurate knowledge of the law, were at once recognized and it is stated that not a single case of importance came before the Courts in Halifax, from the time of his admission to the bar to his appointment to the bench of the Supreme Court, upon which he was not engaged in some capacity. He was as honestly conscientious in quoting the law as he was accurate in its knowledge. The judges had such confidence in him in this respect, that when he stated what the law was on any particular issue, they usually acquiesced in his version of it without further inquiry. In 1870 he married Miss Annie E. Affleck, of Halifax, and two years later became a convert to the Catholic faith. In his conversion, as in everything else, he was profoundly sincere, and was most devout in the practice of his religion.

and appear before the great white

In 1877 he was counsel on behalf of the United States Government, in conjunction with the American lawyers, before the Fishery Commission sitting at Halifax, under the Washington Treaty. After serving some time in the Halifax City Council and as School Commissioner, he entered political life in December 1877, contesting, successfully, the County of Antigonish for a seat in the Local Legislature. The following year he was sworn of the Executive Council and appointed Attorney-General of his native Prov-On again appealing to his constitutents he was elected by acclamation. In May 1882, upon ever was placed before him, I saw ordinary brilliance. With such ability the resignation of Hon. S. H. him suddenly lurch over and fall hand to hand contests with semen of Holmes, he became Premier of almost into Dr. Reid's arms. At the highest order of intellectual pewer, Nova Scotia. Shortly afterwards, the request of the doctor the ladies on the resignation of his Governat has the table went out. The doctor, causes of such rapid elevation outside his own personality.

Judge Townsend I cannot refrain the Supreme Court of Nova We did all that was possible. the Supreme Court of Nova We did all that was possible.

Scotia. He resigned his judge- felt his pulse and was confident ship in 1885, accepted the port- that no aid would have availed him. The doctor held the same olio of Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, and view, which unhappily proved to correct. As far as I could see, Si ituency of Antigonish, on the John had been in good health up 16th of October. He was again to the first seizure. I believ returned for the same county, in he told Dr. Reid that he had had he general elections of 1886 and poins in his chast. The cause of death was undoubtedly a sudden 1891. From the time he entered the Dominion Parliament in 1885, failure of the heart's action. It is honors and responsibilities came stated that Dr. Reid gave a certifi-thick and fast upon him. In cate of death from syncope 1888, he was created K. C. M. G. Therefore, no inqust was made

Telegraphic advices of the 12th rom Ottawa to the Halifax When Sir John A. McDonald was Herald, give the following acstricken down, in 1891, he was count of how the news was resked by the Governor-General to ceived at the Capital: Search the form a Ministry, but declined in whole range of British history as favor of Sir John Abbott. All one may, it would be impossible though Sir John Abbott. Alt-one may, it would be impossible though Sir John Abbott was to find record of a more tragic Premier till November 1892, it is ending to a brilliant career than well known the active duties that which to-day closed the life of the office were discharged by of Canada's premier, Sir John the Minister of Justice, who was Thompson. Words fail to adequately express the gloom which Upon the resignation of Premier is hanging over Ottawa to-nig Abbott Sir John inally consented as well as over the whole count to become in name what he al—Here, at the very centre s hanging over Ottawa to-night s well as over the whole country. ready had been for more than a thought and action, at the point year in reality, first minister of whence emanate those laws which the crown in Canada. In the are framed for the good or ill of spring of 1893 he went to Paris to a country, one is better able to sit with Lord Hannen, as joint realize the extent of the sad calarbitrator for the British Governmity than perhaps at any other ment, on the question of the Be-place in the Dominion. It was to nring Sea seal fisheries. In re-Ottawa that all Canada looked

ward for his distinguished ser-this morning for confirmation of vices, he was nominated by the the sad intelligence from London Home Government as one of Her and yet the capitolians had the Majesty's Imperial Privy Countiest intimation through the same cillors, and it was to be sworn in source as Halifax, St. John, or as such he crossed the Atlantic in Victoria. When the first press October last. A voyage from message came to hand the news which he was destined, as it ran through the city like a flame proved, never to return alive, and it must be confessed, scarcely citizen believed it. The sac news was carried to the acting oremier, Hon. Mr. Bowell, by hi essenger, John Charlton.

annot be true," was the startle

ing, a brief one, embracing in all but seventeen years! yet in that space he had conferred upon him reply. "It is only a newspape rumor." Sanford Fleming, wh was in the minister's office, at th he highest honors to which a Colonial statesman may aspire.

Marvelous indeed must have been time, immediately left, saying that Marvelous indeed must have been he would wire to Mr. Hosmer, the ability and trancendent the Montreal, to have authority for nerits of the man, who, with but the despatch. After a long and ew advantages in early life, trying wait Hosmer sent this meswas at the age of fifty re-sage: "The report from London seived into Her Majesty's of Sir John Thompson's death has Privy Council. His rapid adbeen confirmed." Almost simulaneously His Excellency sent thi ancement must be attribuable wholly to his great talents, telegram to the acting premier:

"Let me offer and exchange with you and other members of the government expression of deep grief and condolence a this irrepairable loss."

his untiring industry and his un-swering integrity. "He touched nothing which he did not adorn." Meanwhile other messages began tour in. Sir Charles Tupper cabled thating premier as follows:

"You will all be shocked to learn that our dear friend, Sir John Thompson, die at Windsor cassle to day, where he wen or in Parliament. To the conhe privy council. He and I both he Queen's command to dine and sle here to-night. I am now going immeditely to make such arrangements as an equired by this terrible calamity Have requested Griffin to break the sa ws to Lady Thompson,"

HEN SIR CHARLES TUPPER'S CONFIRM.

TION MESSAGE CAME Mr. Bowell laid the despatch on the desi he burst into tears. His two colleagues, Costigan and Foster, who were with him were also very much affected. Deuglas Stewart, the dead premier's private secretary, entered the room. Helpad just lef Lady Thompson, and was saked to return with Mr. Bowell and Mr. Foster to break the sad news. Meanwhile som inking of the terrible calamity had reach ed Lady Thompson. A brainless idiot having heard the news up town, called up the premier's late residence by telephon. siving warning. But in this case the premier's late residence by telephon and asked if any news had been received a man in the prime of intellectual of Sir John's death. It was a trying hot for the stricken widow until the final intellectual for him, thus making the calamity all the sadder. Her Majesty, in whose own palace he died, was deeply grieved over the loss, and affectionate children. He was all the sadder the residence of the world to them, and a veil must be draw was all the world to them, and a veil must be drawn over the agony of their stricken hearts. Sir John's sudden death has naturally led to many enquiries being made respecting the condition of his health before he left for England. Unquestionably the premier had suffered as a result of the farduous labors of the last session. Senator Sandford's genial hospitality in Muskoka was much enjoyed by Sir John and his family, and undonbedly the premier greatly benefited by the change. The only drawback to the holiday however, was that it was too short. Sinch his return to the Capital Sir John has no been feeling entirely well. There was an appearance of being fagged out, and this was evident after a hard day's work. It september last the premier was examined

September last the premier was examine by Dr H. P. Wright. Sir James Grant, o Ottawa, and 'Roddick, of Montreal, an the result of their examination was the SIR JOHN WAS TOLD THAT HE MUST RE

room. While we we sitting there he suddenly fainted. One of the servants and I got him into the next room and placed him beside the window. I got water and sent the servant for brandy. In a short time he recovered somewhat. He seemed much distressed at having made what he regarded as a scene, remarking, "It seems too weak, too foolish to faint like that." I replied: "One does not faint on purpose. Pray do not distress yourself about the matter." He begged me to return to my luncheon. Of course, I would not listen to this. I remained with him till he seemed completely recovered. He rose to accompany ndon. An intimate Friend of the do used said that Sir John, whi seessed of the faculty of suppression otions, was of an intensely nervous di lition, and was doubtless affected b motions, was doubtless affected by he events of the day. as few men in like ircumstances could hardly fail to be From a number of lengthy tributes to the memory of the illustrious dead published in the Halifax Herald, we published the statement of the statement

REEFERS AND OVERCOATS.

from mentioning his thorough con scientiousness in all the duties of life-public as well as private. He was the soul of honor, and generous and con siderate to all those around and abou him. His courteous bearing to al those who came into contact with hin is well known, although in his manner be was naturally reserved. At times, however he would throw off this reserve when among intimate and congenial friends. It was then he was at once a most interesting and agreeable companion, whose society it was a pleasure

Judge Weatherbie: No Canadian in the whole range of his party so habit ually wore the flower of a blameless life, and no man so sincerely mourned anything like corruption in politica circles. He was incorruptible, and would always have remained so. He had a hard struggle, which few men could have encountered so cheerfully—and he died poor. He had the greates! and ne dieu poor. The had the greatesscorn for one who could in the public
arena have attempted to do otherwise
Judge Meagher: He was gealous, cautious, learned and dignified. Those who
knew him as a lawyer will not consider it
a revelation to be told he was never found unprepared upon any question of law, n matter how novel or intricate it was His devotion to his client's interests an His devotion to his client's interests and untiring industry, coupled with his love for the profession work, induced a thoroughness for re-search and preparation on his part for the trial and argument of his cases, enabling him to impart assistance and information of the greatest value to the court and inry upon the points in controversy. He possessed a most keen, analytical mind amazingly quick to gather in and master the facts. Wilfred Laurier: Everyone is fami iar with the great qualities he displayed as a public man, and our political history offers no example of such a rapid rise as that which marked the career of Sir John Thompson.

Chompson.

Archbishop O'Brien: At rest! No, the cannot be, his pure soul is at rest after its short and well filled day the force of his example, the lessons of his life will live and act on the hearts and wills of future

us intelligence which has just ress. May God be with you." Lord Rosebery to Mr. Bowell:

"Please express to your Governmen ny deep regret at the grievous calamity which has deprived the Dominion of its minent premier." CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 13. Mrs. Howlan joins with me in send

ng you our heartfelt sympathy in you HALIFAX, Dec. 13 .- Most heartily sympathize with you and your fami your irreparable loss. May God ARCHBISHOP O'BRIEN. From Bishop Cameron to Lad hompson:—Antigonish is dumbfound Thompson:—Antigonish is dumbfounded at the sad news. May God help yo to bear the awful blow. It is hear

From Lady Wrixon, London, Eng -"Our deepest sympathy in you ad loss. From Chief Justice Sullivan, P.

death with the greatest sorrow and leeply sympathize with Lady Thompson and family in their sad loss. From Archbishop Walsh, Toronto beg to tender heartfelt sympathy and condolence of myself and clergy in your irreparable loss.

Premier Fielding, Halifax:—The tembers of the government of Nove cotia respectfully offer their heartfel Scotia respectfully offer their hear sympathy in your great affliction. From Archbishop Cleary, Kingston
—Am profoundly grieved for the loss of good Sir John and your bereavemen Please accept my heartfelt sympath for yourself and all your family. Lieut.-Governor Chapleau sent collowing to Hon. Mr. Bowell:

"I can find no words to describe thock I felt when the sad news cam Poor Thompson! the cup of his life wa filled with mighty work,manfully done with universal admiration and respecmier's organic trouble was a for from friend and foe, with well deserved of Bright's disease. He had probably royal recognition of his service, when been suffering from it all summer, but as cruel destiny dashed it broken into at there was no special pair associated with untimely control. untimely grave. Canada mourns over

Lord Ripon's tribute to the worth of Sir-John Thompson was expressed in tones of deepest sorrow. He said

It is some of deepest sorrow. He said:

"My personal grief is great. I found
is in John Thempson a man after my
own heart, quiet, sterling, and solid.

"He was also a co-religionist."

All reports agree that the Queen was
deeply moved by Sir John Thompson's
death. Sir Charles Tupper was summoned to Windsor by a special courier.

He arrived at 7 in the evening and rode
directly to the castle, where he was at
once received by the Queen, and had a
long audience. The remains of the
dead Premier were removed to one of
the principal rooms of the Clarence
Tower in Windsor Castle. In the
evening, Father Longinoto, Vicar of St.
Edward's Church, at Windsor, performd the service for the dead over the
body. Sir Charles Tupper, the master
offithe Queen's household, and most of the
members of the household were present.
On the morning of the 13th. a requiem
service was held in the room of the
Clarence Tower. Before the departure
of the body the Queen was wheeled into
the room, where the remains lay,
and she placed two wreaths of lillies the room, where the remains lay, and she placed two wreaths of lillies and laurel leaves onthe coffin. When the cortege left the caste all the blinds take the following extracts:

Dr. Allison: To-day all unite in de-ploring the extinction of a light of no

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at which Her Majesty stood. The Queen gave instructions that everything possible should be done in order to make the should be done in order to make the funeral a national event. The funeral cortege left Windsor Castle at 12.30. The procession passed through Henry VIII gate, where the guard which had been urned out presented arms. Sir Charles Tupper occupied a carriage next to the hears. Following in carriages were Sir Henry Ponsonby, the Queen's private secretary, Lord Pelham Clinton the groom in waiting, Dr. Reid, one of the Queen's physicians in ordinary, and all the members of Her Mejesty's household who could possibly be spared from the Castle.

Sacque Cloths.

well, by his class of most operation is completely an expension of the control of

which consisted of a solemn mass for the dead with entiphonal chanting, was very impressive. The wreath placed upon the coffin by the Queen was of bay and laurel leaves with white streamers. A wreath and cross composed of white flowers from Lady Tupper, and a wreath from the dead statesman's daughter were placed upon the coffin after the body was brought into the church. At the conclusion of the mass the mourners and friend passed around the coffin and looked upon the coffin and the face of the dead premier, The coffis of mahogany upon which is a heaver or ass shield with this inscription:

The Right Hon. Sir John S. D. Thompson P. C., K. C. M. G. M. P., Q. C. Died at Windsor Castle, December 12th, 1894, aged 50 years. Requescat in Pace.

The Imperial Government, appreciating the sterling worth of the dead Statesman, and taking into account he lofty position he occupied as e lofty position he occupied a remier of the Dominion, ordered tha is remains be conveyed to Canada or bard the British man-of-war, Blen heim. The offer was made subject to the approval of Lady Thompson, and the Canadian authorities. Lady Thomp son gratefully accepted the honor, an at once, the Blenheim was ordered in proceed full speed, from Gibrattari Portsmouth. Here she will take of board the remains of the illustrion board the remains of the illustrious dead and proceed to Halifax. With one exception, no such homor has ever been paid to the memory of any person not a member of a reyal family. That exception was when the British government sent the remains of the great international philanthropist, George Peabody, to his native land on the ironclad Momerch. Mr. Peabody gave £3,000,000 for the benefit of the poor of London; and the appreciation of his imperial numificence was appropriately

The Blenheim was to leave Portsmouth to-day, and it is expected she will cross the Atlantic in six days, arriving at Halifax on the 25th or 26th. The body will then be taken to the Legislative Council Chamber, where it will lie in state for two days. The funeral procession will thereafter proceed to St. Mary's Cathedral, and thence to Holy Cross cemetery. The State funeral will be under the direction of the Department of Public Works.

Sir John had a family of five children, two sons and three daughters. The sons John and Joseph, are gradu ates of the famous Jesuit College, o Stoneyhurst England, and are bott studying law in Forento. One daughter accommand her father to Europe when accompanied her father to Europe, who placed her in a convent in Paris. The two others are at home, one of them being an invalid.

By the death of Sir John Thompson the Government of Canada was ipso facio, dissolved. The Governor-General arrived in Ottawa from Montreal on the 13th and sent for Hon McKenzie Bowell, Minister of trade and Commerce, and acting Premier. His Excellency charged Mr. Bowell with the duty of forming a ministry, and the latter accepted. A number of the ministers were absent from Ottawa, when the sad intelligence of Sir John's death reached there. They were immediately telegraphed for and in a day or two all had returned with the exception

of Sir C H Tupper, who was in Britis Columbia. On receipt of the mournin news he immediately started for Ottawa and was expected to reach there yester day. The personnel of the Governmen will likely be made known within the contract the court of the contract of the cont

ed with prominent gentlemen in the three counties, asking their assistance in the collection and safe disposition of contribu-tions. The work has been nobly taken up by the people of the larger Provinces, a already large amounts have been subscreed and we feel sure the generous peo of this Province will not be behind his country, by contributing their mit towards the support of those who depend ed upon him Large subscriptions as not so much desired. as that the co

At the regular meeting of the City Council held in November, Mr. Walter Kinsman was appointed to the vacancy then existing on the Police force of Charlottebown. The Councillors were equally divided when the vote to appoint Kinsman was taken, Councillors Fennell Hughes, Haszard and McCarron, voting for the appointment, and Councillors on the casting vote of the Mayor, and s Worship voted for the appointment. nder ordinary circumstances, it would thought that would end the matter Not so, however. The minority gave notice that the question would be reconsidered at the next regular meeting of Council in December. Meantime Kinsman was sworn in and entered on his duties. When the Council met in December Councillor Tanton presented. ber, Councillor Tanton presented a peti-tion, bearing thirty three names, asking the Mayor and Councillors to reconsider the vote whereby Kinsman was appointed, for Mayor and Councillors to reconsider the vote whereby Kinsman was appointed, for the reason that said Kinsman was a Catholic, and his appointment made the force consist of four Catholics and two Protestants. It was moved that Kinsman Protestants. It was moved that Kins man be dismissed and Hooper appointed in its stead. The Council divided just as be Mayor; out this time, our low to relate, the Mayor gave his casting vote with the party asking for the dismissal of Kinaman, directly contrary to his vote at the previous meeting. Mayor Dawson has hitherto been regarded as a man possessing back bone, and his conduct in this matter must be considered as somewhat extraordinary. Was he overawed by the appearance the names of those thirty-three men, whater the manner of the Tooley Str-tailors, proclaimed themselves the "citize of Charlottetown;" or was he convince tailors, proclaimed themselves the "citizens of Charlottetown;" or was he convinced of the error of his former vote by the arguments of the polished gentleman among the counciliors, who shook his fist in his Worship's face, and in language elegantly cassio, threatened all manner of dire calamities if Kinsman were not dismissed? However that may be, the matter became more complicated when the

the maximum more complicated when the city Recorder gave an opinion that the dismissal of a policeman was vested in him not in the Council, and refused to dismiss Kinsman, without cause. An emergency meeting of the Council was then called for Monday night last, to thresh the whole matter out. When the Council was however a letter from Kinsman. whole matter out. When the Coung met, however, a letter from Kinsman was read, whereby he tendered his resignation This matter of equal representation of the Police force, of Catholics and Protest ants, naturally suggests inquiry into the respective representations in all the cit respective representations in all the ci offices: We find the Protestants have all offices to which a respectable salary is attached: The Stipendiary Magistrate the City Clerk; the Stipendiary Magistrate the City Clerk; the Clerk of the Water Works Department; the City Marshal, and so on. The amount received by Protestant City officials is \$7,936,68; while the Catholic officials receive \$2,950, what have our thirty three petitioners to say Catholic officials receive \$2,950, what have our thirty three petitioners to say to this? Our space is so taken up this week that we are unable to go more fully into this question.

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