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SPEAKER ST. JOHN DEAD RELAPSE CAME FRIDAY WHEN HOPE VANISHED

Passed Into Condition Known as Diabetic Coma, But Was Conscious From 2 a.m. on Sunday.

PUBLIC FUNERAL WEDNESDAY

Will Be Preceded by Religious Service in Speaker's Chambers—Church Service Will Be Held Tuesday Night.

Hon. J. W. St. John, Speaker of the Ontario Legislature, died at noon Sunday at the Toronto General Hospital. The funeral will take place at Wednesday, preceded by a service at the Speaker's chambers in the legislative building, Queen's Park, at 2 p.m.

The deceased will be given a public funeral by the Ontario Legislature. It was two weeks ago this morning that the news of Mr. St. John's illness was made public, he having been operated on for appendicitis the night before.

On the previous Saturday night at 10 o'clock Mr. St. John was taken with pains and sought relief before retiring. Next morning he felt no better, and became confined to the house, while he sought local remedies to relieve the pain.

Operation Necessary.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the family physician, Dr. Bascom, was sent for. In the evening the Speaker became worse. Dr. W. F. Caven was called in consulting. His nephew, Dr. Glendinning, was also present. It was then decided that he had a very acute form of appendicitis, and that an immediate operation would give him the only chance of recovery. Accordingly he was removed to the Toronto General Hospital in an ambulance. He arrived there at 11 p.m. when an operation was immediately performed by Dr. Bruce. The operation showed a very inflamed appendix, as his appendix was gangrenous. Immediately after the operation, Dr. Bruce stated that the patient's bowels were almost perforated, and that had the operation been delayed for a few hours, death would have resulted from gangrene.

Mr. St. John made a most satisfactory recovery from the operation, so much so that, toward the end of the first week, the attending physician and Dr. John Caven considered him out of danger.

Unfortunately, however, he was suffering from a chronic malady, diabetes, which suddenly took on an acute form last Sunday.

Friends understood then the significance of the late Speaker's rapid reduction of weight, which he had been wont to make merry.

Since then his life has been despaired of. He rallied, however, somewhat on Wednesday last, when improvement was maintained through Thursday. He had a relapse again on Friday, when he again passed into a condition known as diabetic coma. He died at 12 o'clock on Sunday.

There were present at the death-bed, along with Mrs. St. John and his daughter, Mrs. Winnie D. Glendinning, his nephew; Mrs. Glendinning; Mayor J. Paulin, another nephew; F. G. Lee, his nephew; at the parliament building, his sister-in-law, and for twenty-seven years an intimate friend of Mr. St. John, and Hon. Dr. Payne.

Public Funeral.

A cabinet meeting was held on Sunday afternoon, as soon as the minister had been acquainted with the news for a public funeral arrangements were made from a state funeral.

The last public funeral in this province was that of Sir Oliver Mowat in April, 1903.

The body was taken to the late residence, 104 Dundas street, where it will remain until the service on Tuesday evening in Dundas-avenue Methodist, H. Hinks will conduct the service on Wednesday at 2 p.m. The public funeral will be held at the Speaker's apartment, 27 Dundas street, on Thursday. Rev. Mr. Hinks will also officiate. The funeral will be at Mount Pleasant.

Further announcements will be made this afternoon of the government arrangements. The house will meet at 3 o'clock as usual. The clerk of the Speaker, Premier Whitney will state that he has acquainted his honor the Lieutenant-Governor with the fact, and received permission to elect a new Speaker.

The election will then take place. Hon. J. H. Thompson is the acting Speaker. It is understood, being the government nominee. Upon his election, the house will adjourn for a short time until the new Speaker has been presented to the honor. The house will then proceed to hold a night session which will be held on Thursday.

The funeral on Thursday will be at 2 o'clock on Thursday and will conclude its business some time on Friday.

First to Die in Office.

Hon. Mr. St. John is the first Speaker to die in the Ontario Parliament, or Canada preceding conference. Sir James D. Edgar, who died in 1889, was the only Speaker who died in the Ontario house since 1867. In the British House of Commons no Speaker has died since Speaker Williams in 1788. Mr. St. John's death is the third in the present Legislature, Henry Cassel, Hamilton East, and George N. G. ...

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LOSS TO LEGISLATURE AND TO THE COUNTRY VOICED BY THE PREMIER

Many Tributes of Respect to Dead Speaker by Those Who Knew Him Best—His Pastor's Sorrow.

The premier, Hon. J. P. Whitney, gave the following statement to the World last night:

"The Speaker was a man who stood very high in the public estimation, much more so perhaps than the average man. He made an admirable presiding officer and personally deserved, as he received the respect of all who knew him. The government feel that the legislature has met with a great loss in his death."

Leader Graham's Tribute.

Hon. George P. Graham, the leader of the opposition, said:

"It is difficult to realize that he who but a few short days ago was in his place in the great hall, who was numbered among the great, who was a magnificent physique made him a striking figure wherever he appeared, and so far as human perception could extend he was destined for many years to be the great voice of the people."

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A. G. Mackay joined Hon. Mr. Graham in an expression of regret.

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The premier and Hon. G. P. Graham will each make a statement when the house meets today.

R. J. Bull, Westcott, Member of the York Township Council.

York Township Council; George Syme, ex-reeve of York Township; Mayor of Toronto; Dr. Goodfellow, mayor of Mimico, and Capt. Thos Wallace of Woodbridge are spoken of in connection with the vacancy in the legislature caused by Mr. St. John's death.

It is not likely that the Liberals will offer any opposition to the Conservative candidate during the remainder of the present parliament.

Always Cheerful.

"In all my business relations with the late Speaker," said Mr. Haverston in speaking of his former partner, "there was never a suggestion of an ill-humor. He was a man of high character, and his death is a loss to the country and to the legislature of every member."

Mr. St. John's temperance principles were well known. As a life-long abstainer, he had never known the taste of any form of alcoholic liquors.

G. P. Marter, an old friend of his, and himself at present in a weak condition from a chronic malady, was unable last night to say much, but spoke a few words of warm sympathy.

William Hamilton, another member of the executive of the Dominion Alliance, said that Mr. St. John had no direct connection with any temperance organization that he was aware of, except in the Methodist Church. As superintendent of the Sunday school, he was in the habit of submitting the temperance pledge to the scholars at regular intervals. Mr. St. John was a regular member of a pronounced impression on the province, when he refused to have any kind of wine or alcoholic drink at his official dinners.

Austin, another temperance leader, stated that Mr. St. John was not at all ashamed of his temperance principles, even in the public life made it a little more difficult. Mr. Austin thought that the late Speaker was rather proud of his temperance reputation.

"In any active work we were always sure of help from him," said Mr. Austin, "and often received his financial assistance."

Almost, if not his last, appearance on a public platform was at a political ...

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TWO THINGS NECESSARY



Old Man Ontario: You'll Have a Great Garden Here, Adam, When You've Dressed it and Got Rid of the Rooster.

LAST WORD TO PREMIER BRING HOME PREFERENCE

Halifax Board of Trade Ask Him to Arrange Reciprocity With West Indies.

Halifax, N.S., April 7.—(Special.)—The C.P.R. "Empress of Britain" sailed at 11 o'clock Saturday night. Sir Wilfrid Laurier joined the ship at St. John's and Hon. Mr. Brodeur, Sir Frederick Bowden and Sir Robert Bond, premier of Newfoundland, boarded the empress at this port.

After the ship's arrival here, civic and board of trade delegations called on Sir Wilfrid. Replying to Mayor MacClure, who remarked to the premier that business was somewhat dull in Halifax at present, Sir Wilfrid said:

"You will have it livelier when you have the transatlantic and C.P.R. running to your city."

To a question put by a reporter as to the length of his stay in England, Sir Wilfrid replied that "he never permitted himself to be interviewed."

A memorial touching trade relations between Canada and the West Indies and bearing on the recent visit of representatives of the Canadian board of trade to the United States, was handed Sir Wilfrid by A. P. Weston, secretary Halifax board. The memorial states that as Canada had granted preference to the United States, it was requested to reciprocate by a preference to Canadian products, but doubt whether the imperial government would permit them to do so. Such a preference in the British West Indies would be a great advantage to Canada in her competition with the United States for West Indian trade, and Premier Laurier is asked to secure Britain's consent to the West Indies granting such preference at the colonial conference.

The thousand big maple trees in Donlands Farm sugar bush ran on Saturday and the evaporator was kept busy boiling the sap down to syrup. On Saturday night the syrup tank had almost 50 gallons of pure maple syrup, absolutely nothing but sap reduced to thick syrup, above the standard test of 35-1-2 on the sacrometer. Thirty gallons of this most delectable Canadian product will be on sale at Michie's this morning at \$4 for a quart bottle.

Every package has the firm's label, and is hand numbered. To-day promises a big run of sap, as to have another fresh lot to offer tomorrow. If you cannot get your order filled to-day it will be supplied tomorrow.

Donlands sugar bush is in the Don Valley, seven miles from Toronto's city hall, and is quite a curiosity these days.

EMPIRESS IN BRIEF PERIL By Snapping of Hawser

John Squires, Hit by McCull Street Car, Severely Injured.

John Squires, 12 Humbert-avenue, was run down by a northbound McCull street trolley at 2:30 yesterday afternoon.

He was taken to his home, suffering from fracture and concussion of the brain. Squires had been visiting friends on St. Patrick-street, and was on the way home. He wanted a southbound car, but a northbound car was in front of him, and he was unable to get out of the way.

Dr. Schack attended him, and it is expected that the injuries will not prove fatal.

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Vermont Complains To Secretary Root Of Quebec's Action

Canadians License Seizing in Missisquoi Bay in Alleged Violation of Promise to Contrary.

St. Alban's, Vt., April 6.—United States Senator Redfield Proctor has written to Secretary Elihu Root of the state department, calling his attention to the action of the Quebec authorities in licensing sealing in the Missisquoi Bay, part of Lake Champlain, in alleged violation of a promise to the contrary, said to have been made last year by Jean Provost, minister of fisheries, at Quebec.

It is understood here that Secretary Root has announced his intention of bringing the matter to the notice of the British ambassador, Mr. Bryce.

In his letter to the secretary, Senator Proctor said that the people of Vermont are very indignant over the action of the Quebec authorities.

"There is," he writes, "a United States government hatchery built and operated by the United States fish commission six miles up Missisquoi River from the place where the Canadian licensed sealers are operating, and the Quebec government, besides its shameful breach of faith, directly injures and insults our government by licensing sealing to catch all fish that are on the way up to our hatchery, where their spawn would be taken and hatched and young fish be put back in the Americans' lake."

"Does not this situation, Mr. Secretary, call for peremptory action on your part?"

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SUICIDES FROM FERRY.

Quebec, April 7.—A young man about 24 years of age, named Joseph Picard, from Cacouna, fell from the ferry boat between Quebec and Levis, about 8 o'clock this afternoon and was drowned. His body has not yet been recovered. It seems to be a case of suicide.

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FOSTER SPEAKS TUESDAY ON INSURANCE REPORT

This, With the Hyman Non-Resignation, Will Keep House Till the Twentieth.

Ottawa, April 7.—(Special.)—Taking into consideration the amount of unfinished business, it is scarcely possible that prorogation can take place before the 20th.

There are estimates to pass the iron and steel bounties and railway subsidies to put through, and several important government measures to be dealt with, altho, perhaps, two of the most contentious—the land bill and the Patent Medicine Act—may be dropped.

Besides the purely formal and set business of the session, two important subjects remain to be taken up and threshed out. On Tuesday the report of the insurance commission will be dealt with by Mr. Foster, and a prime debate may be expected to ensue upon his speech.

Then there is the Hyman case still in a state of suspense. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is on record as holding that Mr. Hyman must resign his seat, and the question asked daily since that date is, "Why the delay?"

One thing certain is that Mr. Hyman is not retaining public sympathy and the question asked daily since that date is, "Why the delay?"

This will be made more of a review when the subject comes up for review in the house, as it doubtless will some day this week.

EXPRESS RUNNER MISSING.

Wife of Gordon Cooper Anxious as to His Whereabouts.

Gordon Cooper, aged 26, Canadian Express messenger, is missing.

He left Thursday morning, it is alleged, to take his run, Toronto to Port Erie, but has not returned to his boarding place since. His wife was ill at Halmey Beach Hospital, and is making enquiries, and is in a state of anxiety.

At the office of the company it was learned that a man of that name had been engaged there, but had not the service to work for heavy, the bag-gage man, and that he lived in a room in the Nordheimer Building. Further than this no information could be obtained.

Mr. Cooper is about 26 years of age, of fair complexion, and clean-shaven.

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LET FLASH LIGHT BE TURNED ON MINISTERS

C. R. Devlin, M.P., Trusts Leaders, Some of Them, Because of Cleanliness of Their Lives.

LE CANADIEN'S BOLD ARTICLE

Says Country Can't Afford to Have Ministers Who Behave Like Bums of Recorder's Court.

Montreal, April 7.—(Special.)—"Follow Liberals, let the flashlight be turned upon our leaders at Ottawa, for they can stand it, but I tell you here to-night that we will not retaliate. We respect ourselves, our party, and our country too much for that," was the statement made at the Reform Club by Charles R. Devlin, M.P. for Nicolet, where he was the guest of honor last evening, the leading Liberal of the city being present.

Another feature of the evening was the very vigorous speech from E. M. MacDonald, M.P. for Etchemin.

Mr. Devlin's oration was devoted to the retirement of the minister of railways, brought about, he said, by a section of the opposition which, being unable to assail the government on its general policy, had resorted to a policy of espionage which, in regard to the private life of a minister of the crown, he declared, was the last refuge of a lost party. He trusted his leaders because of the cleanliness of their lives.

"Take," he said, "Laurier, Fisher, Fielding, Lemieux, Brodeur and Cartwright, and where can you find better men?"

Another interesting speech was that of the editor, The Herald, J. C. Walsh, who said the stalwarts of the Montreal Liberalism wanted the parliamentary Liberals to strike back in order that the Fosters, the Laforgues, and the Bennetts may be put in their proper place in the estimation of the people of Canada.

"I think," he said, "that the message of the Montreal Liberals to the members of the government party in the house of commons should be that if they are struck they should strike back and strike back very hard at that."

People Will Not Endure Minister Who Acts Badly

Montreal, April 7.—(Special.)—Le Canadien promises another outspoken article to-day very similar, in fact, to the one immediately preceding the retirement of Hon. H. R. Emmerson. The French-Conservative paper says that Sir Wilfrid Laurier made it quite clear that he does not wish to have an investigation.

"We deplore," the paper adds, "this grave mistake on the part of the prime minister, as he should not have acted in this manner. He should have acted as an entire country and expose the nature of the investigation, in refusing an investigation, he shows that he does not want the people to be made acquainted with the truth. But the people of Canada have rights that cannot be overlooked or denied, neither has Sir Wilfrid Laurier the right to ignore or decide them."

"The people will not endure any longer the very grave rumors which are circulating on all sides and in the best informed circles regarding certain ministers. The people of this country will not stand by and see their representatives and ministers of the crown behave themselves like people who see every morning before the recorder's court. A minister who gets drunk every day and bums round with his iron crinkling fountain and breaks \$16,000 a year for his work, and the moment such scandalous rumors get out, the people should know if there is any truth in them. Sir Wilfrid should not, therefore, prevent the light from being shed on this matter. They want to know the whole truth and the prime minister will regret the mistake he has made."

KILLED IN RUNAWAY.

Horse Takes Flight at Train and Throws Driver to Pavement.