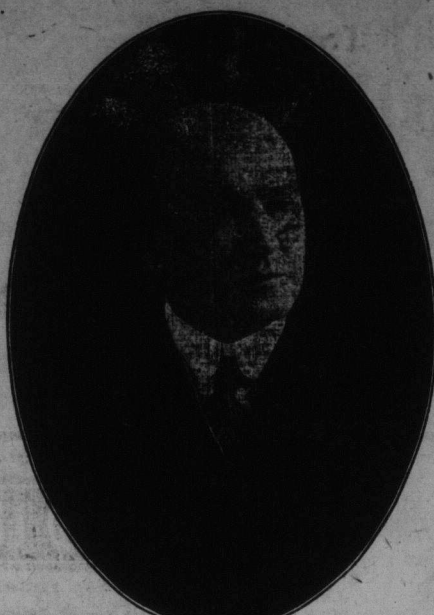


# THE HON. GEORGE J. CLARKE, FORMER PREMIER OF NEW BRUNSWICK, PASSES AWAY



THE LATE HONORABLE GEORGE J. CLARKE.

Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, Feb. 26.—After a protracted illness, borne with great bravery and rare patience, Hon. George J. Clarke, the recent premier of New Brunswick, entered into rest soon after two o'clock this afternoon at his residence on Union street, the announcement, though expected for some time, causing profound sorrow throughout the community, where the deceased gentleman was universally respected and esteemed.

Hon. Mr. Clarke's health became impaired soon after he was called to assume the duties of the premiership and the brave fight that he made against the inroads of disease is known in many parts of the province. Death was due to hypertrophy and dilation of the heart and arterio sclerosis. He had been unconscious since last Wednesday evening, excepting for a few brief intervals on Friday morning, and knew nothing of the important political events transpiring in the world around him. Until the first of last week he had kept in touch with public matters, the daily papers being read to him by his devoted wife, who seldom left his bedside. He had suffered but little pain during his illness and the end came very peacefully.

## An Active Life.

Hon. Mr. Clarke's life had been an active one and he had given liberally of his time and talents to the public weal. He was born in St. Andrews, and taught school in several places in this county while still in very early life. When a young man he served as town clerk of St. Stephen, and filled the mayor's chair in 1898 and 1899. He was a valued member of the board of school trustees of St. Stephen for many years and until the time of his death. He was a member of the local golf club and curling club and an enthusiastic yachtsman. He was editor and manager and principal owner of the St. Croix Courier. His political career is more fully told elsewhere. A gentleman of most kindly instincts, he numbered his friends by the score and was esteemed among his men for his ability and his personal integrity.

## Hon. Mr. Clarke's Family.

Hon. Mr. Clarke is survived by his wife, who was a daughter of the late Rev. Ezekiah McKeown, a former well known Methodist clergyman of this province, and two daughters Mrs. W. S. Lane of Vancouver, who reached her father's bedside some weeks ago, and Mrs. W. L. Jarvis, who is now with her husband, Lieut. W. L. Jarvis of the 115th Battalion, now in England. They have the sympathy of all in the loss of a most kindly and devoted husband and father. Two little grandsons, the children of his two daughters, also survive, one having been born in England only a few weeks ago.

Hon. Mr. Clarke was connected with the Methodist church and was regular in attendance at its services so long as his health permitted. He was a member of Sussex Lodge, F. and A. M., of the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Foresters and other fraternal organizations. He was a past grand chancellor and past supreme representative in the Pythian order.

Hon. Mr. Clarke is survived by four brothers, Capt. N. M. Clarke of St. Andrews, who was with his brother during his last illness, Harold C. Clarke, a prominent merchant of Vancouver, B. C., Dr. Walter J. and Dr. Vernon A., prominent physicians in New York city.

The body will be taken to St. Andrews by train Thursday morning for interment in the Clarke family lot. The funeral will be conducted under the auspices of Sussex Lodge, F. and A. M., of which the deceased was a past master.

Flags have been flying at half mast on the school houses and public and private buildings in town since the announcement of Hon. Mr. Clarke's death.

associated with the Conservative party but had a large circle of friends among the members of both political parties. He was one of the most influential and popular residents of St. Stephen, and was at one time mayor of that town, while he also held the office of warden of the municipality of Charlotte.

The former premier's health had not been of the best for almost two years past, but he had always manifested a keen desire to be actively engaged in the administration of the affairs of the province. Although advised by his physicians that his health of necessity demanded a complete rest, he returned to Fredericton during the session of 1916 to take his place in the house.

Hon. Mr. Clarke during his public life gave to New Brunswick the very best of his ability. He possessed a pleasing personality, and a great capacity for work, and achieved much success along both legal and political lines.

## THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court yesterday Harry Garson was fined \$40 for not leaving his books open for inspection. The fine was allowed to stand.

Two boys who have appeared before the juvenile court for breaking and entering, were in court yesterday for stealing coal. They were remanded. One drunk was fined the usual amount.

Several by-law violations were taken up. Dr. G. O. Baxter was reported for not having the front lights of his car lighted while the car was proceeding down Sydney street and out Waterloo street one night last week. He said that he had encountered trouble with his lights of late and on the night in question they were causing him more trouble than usual. His explanation was accepted and a fine of \$10 was allowed to stand.

Clarence Stackhouse and Peter McCarthy, two teamsters, were reported for driving their teams on the wrong side of City Road. They offered the excuse that, owing to the icy condition of the road down from the rear hill of the hospital they were compelled to drive on the "wrong side." The court looked with favor on the explanation and a fine of \$10 each was allowed to stand against them.

Henry Neale, charged with taking the Lord's name in vain on Rodney street, West Side, forfeited a deposit of \$20.00.

A case against twenty Chinese for rambling was resumed at the afternoon session of the court. Ling Hum, proprietor of the premises, was the only witness. The session was mostly taken up in a description of the games called "Bullfight" and "Fan Tan." The case was adjourned until Thursday afternoon.

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