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Editorial

THE DEATH OF SIR ADAM BECK

Last Saturday evening the world lost one of its great men; Canada lost one of her greatest statesmen; London, her greatest citizen and the common people of Ontario, one of their greatest benefactors. Because last Saturday, Sir Adam Beck passed away. Really few, if any of us, have yet realized the tremendous loss our country has sustained in his death. For his intellect and great ability, for his zeal and tenacity, his integrity and scrupulous honesty, he was honored and was highly respected, but for his love and his tireless efforts on behalf of the common people he was himself much loved and will ever be remembered. If any of the many great qualities of Sir Adam stand out pre-eminently above the others they were his true spirit of philanthropy and his deep regard for the whole people. Although superior in intellect and in training to the average titled persons, yet he was as easily approachable as our commonest citizen. And in this he showed his real greatness.

It is impossible to think of the Hydro power and its benefits without at the same time thinking of Sir Adam Beck. It is his fitting and lasting monument. His whole soul was so wrapped up in this scheme that it often hid his gentler, sweeter, human sympathies. But one only needed to engage him in conversation to discover that these qualities were apparent. We remember his exact words when we approached him to offer him the honorary presidency of The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People. Said he: "If my accepting the office will lend any weight to your worthy cause I shall gladly accept it, although I am so burdened at present I fear I shall not be able to give you much of my time. Soon I hope to be relieved of some of my present duties and then I shall be able to join more heartily with you." As our president he did all he could to further the interest of the League.

As a mere boy he caught the vision of the great power of falling water from a little pool which turned the wheels of his father's mill in a little Ontario village. This vision grew so vivid and so clear that he was able in after years to harness the Falls by which operation all of Ontario is benefited. As Bishop Williams said of him: "The keynote of his whole

public life was love of the people and service to the people. He spared neither his time, energy, work nor his money in their service. Really this was Sir Adam's way of serving God. Once convinced that an enterprise was right before God and for the people's good, he felt it his duty before God to throw the whole force of his personality into its achievement, irrespective of who opposed it or what the difficulties might be. Fearing God he feared nothing else. Public service was to him the highest form of religion. He served God by working for the good of the people. And is not that the best fruit of our religion?"

STRATFORD

Mrs. James Hesson, Mowatt St., gave a garden party on Wednesday the 12th inst. Baseball and other games were played. All reported a good time. All the guests were driven home in motor cars.

Mr. Chas. Selby and family of Listowel, were visitors in the city on Saturday.

Mr. Garbut Jackson spent the week end with his brother Robert before leaving for Sarnia.

Mr. Walter Morton has gone into partnership with Mr. Chas. Selby of Listowel in the spraying business. He expects to make his home there in the near future.

Mr. Thomas Jackson of Lebanon spent the week end with his son.

Miss Hazel Wesley motored to Brantford on Saturday with friends and returned on Sunday and reported a good time.

Mr. Cecil Miller of Drayton was in the city over Sunday.

Mr. William Wesley has returned to work again after three week's illness.

Miss Hilda Wesley has returned home after spending a week with Mrs. Isaac Armstrong of Listowel.

TORONTO

Services at the B.M.E. Church Sunday, were as usual, good and well attended. There is an increasing attendance at the services of this Church. The pastor and church are putting forth untiring efforts to make the services at the B.M.E. Church inviting, and God is rewarding us by sending to the Church a fair sized responsive audience each week. We were no less richly fed last Sunday than usual. Our pastor, Rev. F. O. Stewart, preached a very instructive and forceful sermon Sunday morning using the entire 23rd Psalm for the discourse. Sub. "The Christian's Psalm." 7 p.m. Sub. "The Sin of Looking Back." Text: Gen. 19:26. The design of this text said the speaker was to point out to those who are beginning to look back, that Lot's wife is a standing monument of the danger of incredulity, impudence, love of the world, apostasy from and disobedience to God. The choir under the leadership of Mr. A. C. Johnson is doing very nicely. The Sunday School and the mid-week service of



REV. H. F. TALBOT, Windsor, Ont., who has resigned the pastorate of the Colored Baptist Church of that city. His resignation goes into effect after Aug. 30th.

the church are both showing signs of new life.

The Anniversary rally under the auspices of our Trustee board, assisted by the stewardesses board and the choir, promised to be a big affair. The date has been set for Sept. 13th and 14th.

Mrs. I. M. Scott of Cleveland, Ohio is spending a month at Lake Temagami, Ont.

Misses Mildred and Margaret Jackson are spending their vacation with friends at Collingwood, Ont. Dr. and Mrs. Stanfield, of Orange, N.J. spent a few days with Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Jackson, enroute to their summer cottage at Collingwood.

Mrs. J. A. Smith, her daughter Beulah and niece, Vera Jones, were guests of Mrs. (Rev.) Stewart. Mrs. Stewart returned to Niagara Falls, Ont. with Mrs. Smith and family and spent a couple of days visiting friends there.

Mrs. (Rev.) R. A. Ball spent the week end in Toronto on important business. Mrs. Ball reports Rev. R. A. Ball convalescing slowly.

Rev. H. F. Logan passed through our city enroute to St. Catharines to resume his pastorate after enjoying an extensive vacation in the United States.

Mrs. C. N. Sharp, Mrs. H. MaGruder and Mrs. E. Carter are able to be out once more after their serious mishap a few weeks ago.

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