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SENATOR E. MURPHY.

His Sudden Death Evokes Profound Sorrow.

Public Bodies and Charitable Institutions Pass Resolutions of Condolence with the Family—Sketch of the Life of one of the Foremost and Best Citizens of Canada.

MONTREAL, Dec. 5.—Hon. Senator Edward Murphy, whose name is known throughout the length and breadth of Canada, and as widely respected as known, died very suddenly this morning. The news cast a gloom over the business community for the rest of the day, and to say that it gave a painful shock to the Catholic people of Montreal is but a weak way of describing the sorrow with which all classes heard it. The unexpected call to the better life came upon the venerable Senator close beside St. Patrick's church, which he had attended for so many years. When he fell down on the street several passers-by who recognized his familiar figure hastened to carry him within the adjoining Presbytery where his old friends, the reverend Fathers Toupin and Quinlan received him and the latter administered the last comforts of the Church. Soon afterwards he died. Father Toupin was deeply affected and his grief was shared in every home in the city where the papers quickly carried the sad news.



THE LATE SENATOR MURPHY.

It is difficult to speak without the appearance of exaggeration of the esteem in which Senator Murphy was held by all classes here. When he was called to the Senate in 1893, the names of men in terms which it is not too much to say were never used before or since by that paper in reference to any member of the second Chamber. And The Witness only expressed what all Montreal knew to be the simple truth. A more unassuming, generous, public spirited and patriotic man could not be found. His character was like pure gold, his heart was soft as a woman's and his was never known to speak an unkind word of any one. He was a man of clarity, united to old fashioned simplicity of manner, and his personality might be read by a child in his face. No wonder he was respected and loved. Among the Irish people of Montreal his name was a household word, for his life and sympathies were all Irish. The number of enquiries that poured into St. Patrick's Presbytery was an indication of the pain with which the men and women of his own warm-hearted race heard of the death. It appears the Senator was on his way to his office at his usual hour 9.30 o'clock. The day before he had attended to business in his accustomed way and had felt quite well. His residence is 886 Doncaster street, and he had only walked a few hundred yards along the street when the attack came. Lt. Col. Barry was nearly by his side, but staggered and fell to the ground and he immediately ran to give assistance. Others also hastened to the spot; and it was quickly decided to take the Senator to the Presbytery. A sleigh was called and in a few minutes loving hands were tending to the dying man. Father Quinlan administered the sacraments, and Dr. Hingston and Dr. MacDonald were called; but before they could arrive their old friend was no more. Mrs. Murphy and her daughters however were able to reach the Presbytery before death came. The sadness of all the circumstances need not be dwelt upon. The fatal attack was caused by heart disease.

The late Senator was the head of what was once a powerful Westford family. He was lineal descendant of Donald Mac. O'Murphy the chieftain of the old clan of the Cromwellian period. They fought against Henry VIII, and his invaders that notorious King endeavored to divert the attention of his subjects from the bloody work of Thomas Becket's murder by calling his soldiers to similar work in the Island of Saints. The O'Murphy's however were not easily exterminated and they continued to give trouble to their English oppressors after Henry was no more. On his mother's side, also, the Senator came of ancient Irish blood. His mother was a descendant of the Wicklow O'Byrne's who had the faith to fight and recognize no defeat against the aggressives of England and religion. The O'Murphy's and O'Byrne's were connections of the Sarsfields and Kavanaghs. The Father of Senator Murphy was Daniel Murphy who was engaged in business in Ireland as a corn factor. He came to Canada in 1824, and died here in 1840.

Senator Murphy was born on July 20, 1818, in the County Carlow, Ireland, and came to Montreal, with his parents, in 1824. He was sent to school, at Eton's Academy, and at the age of ten years, commenced his business life, which was destined to be so prosperous, as a clerk in a hardware store. After 14 years of steady application to work,

he rose to the responsible position of chief salesman in the noted house of Frothingham & Co., a firm of wholesale hardware merchants. In 1840, he was made a partner in the business, and, for years assisted in advancing the firm to its present high standing. He retained his connection with the firm up to the time of his death.

Business affairs did not alone occupy his attention, for he always took a deep and active interest in philanthropic affairs, the temperance movement, and the political concerns of his adopted country. He was one of the prime movers in the establishment of the first Irish Catholic Temperance Society in Canada. Rev. Father Phelan, afterwards Bishop of Kingston, was, in 1840, pastor of the old Recollet church, the worshiping place of the Irish people, and he was a member of the Society. It was demolished, and commercial blocks cover the ground whereon it stood. By this pastor's work, the temperance society was formed, Mr. Murphy being an active member, and, in 1841, he was elected secretary, which office he filled until 1852. In that year the society presented him with a complimentary address and a massive silver jug, in recognition of his services.

He was several times president of St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society, and held this position at the time of his death. In the year 1854, the society presented him with a life size portrait of himself, done in oils, to show their appreciation of his devoted labors, and his worth. He cherished the traditions of his native land, and was always an active promoter of whatever he deemed was for its good.

He was a staunch Catholic, but a man of wide tolerance in his views. In 1842, he assisted in the formation of the original St. Patrick's Society, which was composed of Catholics and Protestants alike, and which loyally celebrated St. Patrick's day. The late Benjamin Holmes, was its first president, and among its members were such men as the late William Workman, and St. Francis Hinks. Mr. Murphy was elected President in 1850.

He also took an interest in the militia, and was made a captain in the 4th battalion. He was Commissioner of the Census for Montreal in 1861. In 1862 he re-visited Ireland. In 1877 he was elected president of the City and District Savings Bank, of which he had long been a director. He participated in the meetings of the Natural History Society, and the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society, and held office in both. He was a life governor of the Montreal General Hospital, and of the St. Joseph's Hospital. He held the position of Catholic School Commissioner, and, in every way possible, encouraged educational progress in the city, giving the "Edward Murphy" prize, in perpetuity, for the best composition in the schools. It consists of a gold medal of the value of \$50 and cash to the same amount.

In 1870, he was appointed a Harbor Commissioner, a position which he held up to the time of his death. This makes the second time in the ranks of the Harbor Board within a short period. Mr. Murphy was a Liberal Conservative in politics, and, on the death of the late Hon. Thomas Ryan, was appointed to the Canadian Senate, on May 18, 1889. He also held a commission as Justice of the Peace.

His name was intimately connected with St. Patrick's Church, and in 1882, the ecclesiastical authorities raised him to the dignity of Chevalier of the Sacred Military Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

Mr. Murphy was twice married, first to Elizabeth, daughter of the late Thomas McBride and Mary Price, of Dublin, Ireland, by whom he had two daughters, who are now living. He married secondly Maria Georgina, daughter of the late Hon. Judge Power, of the Superior Court, Quebec, and of Susan de Gaspe, his wife (daughter of Philip Aubert de Gaspe, Seigneur of St. Jean Port Joly). By this marriage there were born one son and two daughters, all living. His oldest daughter married Mr. E. Cornwallis Monk, son of the late Hon. S. Cornwallis Monk, one of the Judges of the Court of Appeal of the Province of Quebec. His second daughter is Mrs. Lemouster, wife of Mr. W. G. Lemouster, well-known merchant, son of W. G. & G. G. Lemouster, importers of Indian teas. The three children by the second wife are Mr. William S. Murphy, Miss Grace Murphy and Miss Amy Murphy.

A meeting of the Sir John A. Macdonald Club was held on Thursday when Mr. F. B. Macleinnan, the President, drew attention to the sudden death of Hon. Edward Murphy. Mr. C. A. McDonnell paid a finely worded and touching tribute to the work of the departed Senator. Mr. D. A. McCaskill said Senator Murphy's loss was a public calamity. Dr. Proudfoot said a better citizen and Christian had never lived. Senator Murphy's death was a great loss to the community.

The resolution adopted was as follows: That this club has learned, with feelings of profound regret, of the sad and unexpected death of one of its honored members, Hon. Edward Murphy, which occurred this morning, and that it places on record its high appreciation of his services to the City of Montreal and the Dominion of Canada, as a citizen of sterling worth, and a public man of unswerving patriotism and high integrity.

That this club also desires to bear testimony to the fact that, during the course of his long and successful career in the community, he always evinced a warm and enthusiastic

interest in the welfare of the young men, both in regard to their education and commercial training.

That this club offers its sympathy to the family of the deceased Senator.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Irish Catholic Benefit Society it was moved by Mr. Arthur Jones, seconded by Mr. John Powers—

Whereas, it was the will of Almighty God to suddenly call from our midst to his eternal reward from the cares and sorrows of this life, our much beloved citizen Hon. Edward Murphy.

Resolved, that we, the members, desirous of expressing our heartfelt sympathy and sorrow for so esteemed a friend, respectfully tender to the members of his family, and copies be sent the press for publication.

On Sunday St. Patrick's T. A. and B. Society passed the following resolution on motion of Mr. Justice Curran, seconded by Mr. John H. Feeley:

The St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society, of Montreal, desires to register its inexpressible sorrow at the death of their late president, the Hon. Edward Murphy, citizen of the Dominion of Canada. To this association his loss is irreparable, for to its welfare he gave, for more than half a century and until the last moment of his life, zeal, energy and devotion of the spirit of Father Mathew.

In this hour of their great grief, the members of this society feel that they have the sympathy of all creeds and classes in the community, when from every section has come such truthful testimony to the late president's many but unostentatious virtues, they weep over the loss of a Christian patriot and a true and earnest worker in every good cause, a friend of education, whose public benevolence was far surpassed by his private charities, an ardent lover of Ireland, and a true and loyal citizen of Canada, the land of his adoption.

At a meeting of St. Anne's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society held on Sunday, the 8th December, 1895, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

That this society has heard, with the most sincere regret, of the death, during the past week, of two of its most liberal benefactors, namely, Hon. Senator Edward Murphy and Mr. Henry Kavanagh.

That this conference desires to convey to the family of the deceased benefactors the expressions of their most sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

That this society have a Solemn Requiem Mass sung for the repose of their souls, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the families of the deceased, and to the press.

A feeling resolution was also passed by the Harbor Commissioners.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

A general meeting of this Society was held on Sunday last in St. Vincent's Hall, the President, J. J. Murphy in the chair. There were present the Rev. Fathers, Hugh T. Kelly, T. H. Cruise, M. Kelly, J. J. Burns, J. F. Kirk, J. A. Gorman, M. Devane, John Wilson, Rev. Elmsley, Thomas Lane, James Page, F. Ryan and others. After routine business the President read a short statement of the position of the several conferences, as shown by the last monthly reports, from which it appeared that with two or three exceptions, they were commencing the winter season with very little funds in their respective treasuries. From present appearances there was reason to anticipate that the calls upon the Society for relief during the winter would be increased to a very large extent. After routine business the President read a short statement of the position of the several conferences, as shown by the last monthly reports, from which it appeared that with two or three exceptions, they were commencing the winter season with very little funds in their respective treasuries. From present appearances there was reason to anticipate that the calls upon the Society for relief during the winter would be increased to a very large extent.

President further reported that the special works of the Society—the Hospital visiting, the night-school in St. Nicholas Home, and the night-school for the Italians were going on as in other years, and were giving satisfaction.

On Sunday evening St. Paul's spacious and magnificent church was filled to its utmost to witness the reception, twenty-five young ladies into the family of the Blessed Virgin. A very eloquent and impressive sermon was delivered by Rev. Father Walsh, who dwelt at length, on the many virtues which adorned the Immaculate Mother of God. His discourse was listened to with warm attention by the vast congregation. The choir, under the direction of Prof. McEvoy, Miss Hagan presiding at the organ, rendered special music. The following are the notable numbers.

- Chorus—"Magnificat".....Lambilliotte.
- Chorus—"Gloria".....Lambilliotte.
- Yodel—"Gloria".....Lambilliotte.
- Mrs. Shea, Messrs. Toney and Moran.....Lambilliotte.
- Solo—"Gloria".....Lambilliotte.
- Mrs. Pauline.....Lambilliotte.
- Chorus—"Gloria".....Lambilliotte.
- Miss Curran and Mr. Toney.....Lambilliotte.
- Chorus—"Gloria".....Lambilliotte.

C. O. F. Court 201.

The regular meeting of the above mentioned court was held in their Hall, Ten Bay Street, Thursday last. The following members of the court were present:—John Neander presiding. The following resolution of condolence was moved by Bro. Leo, seconded by Bro. Joyce and unanimously adopted:—

Whereas the members of Sacred Heart Court 201 have learned of the death of Mrs. Dykes, dearly beloved member of our worthy and much esteemed Brother Andrew Dykes resolved that we the members of Sacred Heart Court 201 do hereby sympathize with Bro. Andrew Dykes and family in this their hour of sadness.

Book of Mr. Sala.
London, Dec. 8—George Augustus Sala the journalist and author died.

ST. BASIL'S NEW BELL.

Ceremony of its Blessing on Sunday.

Performed by the Bishop of London—Sermon by Vicar-General McEann—Ender the invocation of Mary Immaculate the Bell is Decorated.

It is not often that the privilege of witnessing the blessing of a bell can be availed of. This very interesting ceremony was performed on Sunday evening at Vespers in St. Basil's Church. Suspended upon its yoke the great new bell which, on and after Christmas morning will peal from the tower of St. Basil's, was on view in the porch of the church. Covered with a piece of simple embroidery it awaited its baptism under the invocation of Mary Immaculate. Usually at a ceremony of this joyful nature some lady of the congregation, or friend of the church, donates a costly piece of lace in which the bell is clothed. But Father Brennan could not see his way to calling upon any of the congregation of St. Basil's to go to the expense of such a gift. The explanation is equally creditable to the priests and the people of the parish. The new bell has cost fully \$1,000. The people have given an amount in which to subscribe the amount of the priests the total sum required had been subscribed on the second Sunday after the announcement had been made. After having given such a creditable proof of their ready generosity Father Brennan could not ask the people—there being no wealthy individuals among them—for another dollar. The bell arrived on Friday morning, and it took from eleven o'clock till half past five to move it from the porch door to a position opposite the entrance from the porch into the church. Then it took all Friday and Saturday to get it placed upon its yoke. It is a tenor bell of a chime of ten, weighs 4,126 lbs. net, and 8,250 lbs. including the attachments. It was made in Baltimore, Md., by McShane. It will be rung and tolled by electricity, and it is worthy of mention that it is the first bell upon which those combined electrical improvements have been carried out.

His Lordship the Bishop of London the Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, performed the ceremony of blessing the bell. His Lordship presided at Vespers, being assisted by Father Marjion, Provincial of the Basilians, with Frs. Cushing and Toefy as deacon and subdeacon. Vicar General McEann preached. The occasion was one calling for the exercise of eloquence of a high order, and the preacher rose fully equal to the occasion. After a rapid and comprehensive description of the union and majesty with which the voices of nature speak the praises of the Creator, he spoke of the fall of man, the Redemption and the mission of the Church, the successor of Christ, endowed by Him with all his powers of blessing. He then dwelt upon the conspicuous character of the blessing and dedication to the service of God of the Catholic bell, used as it is in every Church to summon the faithful to their worship and remind them daily of their duty to God. Such is the character of this blessing that it is called a baptism; and so the bell which would be blessed this evening would be dedicated to the service of God under the invocation of Mary Immaculate. To this new voice of the Church, which henceforth from the tower of St. Basil's would speak to those who now listened to him, he would say: Go forth; speak to us, speak to these devoted people, speak to this city of the honor and mercy and power of Jesus; go forth speak to us in the voice of Mary Immaculate, of her wondrous love for her divine Son our Saviour; ring and continually remind us of the glorious mission of Jesus, which is surely being fulfilled throughout the whole world.

Vespers being over a procession was formed in the sanctuary composed of the bishop and assisting priests, the sanctuary boys of the college, the altar boys of the parish, the members of the Novitiate, scholastics, visiting priests—Father Walsh of the church of our Lady of Lourdes, Father Treacy of the Cathedral and others. The procession proceeded down the aisle to the Church porch where the blessing was performed. Then the Benediction followed, when the new bell rang, bringing one of the most impressive ceremonies witnessed in the city for a long time to an end.

The bell contains the following inscription:

HIC M. ROBERTUS FIDELIS ST. BASILII CANTORUM DIGNO ORATIONE ET LEONIS XIII. P. M. ROBERTUS, ANNO ET REGNI JESU

A BIEP. THOMAS DE OSTATA DE MDCCLXXV. CONSACRATA ET MARIA VIRGINIS IMMACULATAE INVOCATA HIC INSTANTIBUS DOMINIS.

The following may be regarded as a translation of the above inscription in which the bell is supposed to bear its own history:

In the reign of the Sovereign Pontiff Leo XIII. the generous congregation of St. Basil's have placed me in this tower. I was consecrated by the most Rev. and Illustrious John Walsh, Archbishop of Toronto, on the 8th of December, 1895, that rejoicing in the name of the B. V. M. Immaculate I may sing the praises of the Lord.

The Late Vicar General Gleeson.

Buffalo this week has been plunged in deep sorrow, caused by the sad demise of its much loved Vicar General, the Right Rev. Monsignor Gleeson. Popular grief was in some manner assuaged, however, by the duration of the reverend prelate's illness. One year ago it was expected that his span of life was near its limit. Through a violent attack of Bright's disease; he rallied, however, and seemed to regain his former strength, but a relapse occurred and then a repetition of recoveries and relapses, until the end came on Monday at 9 a.m., the 2nd inst.

Monsignor Gleeson was born about sixty seven years ago in Killoe, a small town about three miles from Nenagh, in the diocese of Killoe, Ireland. At an early age he applied himself very closely to the study of Latin and Greek in the classic schools of Nenagh and Limerick such as they were in those days, when Diocesan Colleges were few in Ireland. He was but 17 years of age, however, when he passed a brilliant examination at the Bishop's Convent and was sent to the Irish College in Paris. Later on, however, his Bishop transferred him to the Grand Seminary of Bordeaux, where Bishop Timon returning from a visit, at Limons, to Rome, found him and induced him to come in his lot with the pioneer priests and Bishops in the far off western world. Father Gleeson reached Buffalo late in September, 1862, and continued his preparatory studies until July, 1864, when Bishop Timon conferred on him the sacred order of priesthood in St. Patrick's Church, Rochester, 14 July, 1864.

After doing faithful and substantial work in the cure of souls at Waterloo and Lockport he was called in to the city, where in the bloom of his age he was appointed Rector of St. Joseph's Cathedral and Vicar-General of the diocese of Buffalo. After the lamented death of the aged missionary Bishop, Father Gleeson was appointed Administrator of the diocese, which at that time embraced Rochester and extended to Oswego and Syracuse. The Buffalo Union and Times says of his work in those days: "On four different occasions the administration of the diocese was confided to his care and during those periods he displayed executive ability of a high order. He knew how to command as well as to obey; and despite his charitable heart and sunny nature, where there was question of duty, he could be stern and unyielding as granite."

When Bishop Ryan last visited Rome, he obtained for his faithful and tried Vicar-General, the title of Monsignor and Dominal Prelate of the Holy See. He lived but a few years to enjoy the honors which through innate modesty and hatred of display, he most reluctantly accepted. Twenty seven years ago he was appointed to fill the vacancy made by the death of the late Father Martin O'Connor, P.P., St. Bridget's in the city, and during that time he endeavored himself to the poor and the rich, the great and the small. Rev. Father Cronin in his most eloquent and heartfelt tribute to Mr. Gleeson's memory, said from the pulpit on Thursday last:

"But what most of all claimed our admiration in Father Gleeson's marvellous personality, was his great heart, large and generous as the day. It was that clothed his presence with sunlight and made his visits sweet as the breath of morning. How the little children loved him, and laughed at his merry jest, and how the aged and the poor blessed him, as they met him on the street, or went to him for consolation at his home. And how proud of him were all the people of St. Bridget's! They knew his royal nature, and how he despised everything mean and worldly. He loved his brother priests as they loved him, and when ever they visited his home, he dispensed a princely hospitality."

St. Bridget's Church was thronged with a weeping congregation on Wednesday morning, when High Mass of Requiem was intoned. Rev. Dr. Flannery, a near relative of the dead prelate was celebrant; deacon, Rev. F. Quinn, O.M.I.; sub deacon, Father Noonan, of Addison, whom when an infant he had baptized. Rev. Father Sheehan acted as master of cere-

monies. The venerable Bishop, Right Rev. S. V. Ryan, preached the sermon, an eloquent tribute to one who had long been his "alter ego," his right hand man, and chief supporter in the administration of the affairs of the diocese. The church was crowded and not a dry eye, says the Buffalo Evening News, could be found in that immense congregation when the Bishop concluded.

About 4 p. m. a hearse preceded by a long procession formed of the different Catholic organizations of the city, and followed by carriages containing priests and citizens, conveyed the remains to the Catholic church on Franklin street, where they lay in state all that evening and night with hundreds of devotional watchers.

On Thursday morning a vast assemblage was present to assist at the last funeral rites, in St. Joseph's grand Cathedral. Two hundred priests were in the sanctuary or occupied all the front pews in the nave of the church. They chanted the solemn office for the dead, Father Laurigan, of Niagara Falls, intoning all the Antiphons. Among those present were: Very Rev. Dr. O'Laughlin, of Philadelphia; Very Rev. Father McGill, Provincial of the Lazarists; Rev. Father McEvoy, of Syracuse; Rev. M. O'Brien, Lowell, Mass.; Rev. Father Kieran, Rochester; Rev. Dean Harris, St. Catherine's; Rev. Father Conway, Peterborough; Rev. F. McEntee, Toronto; Dominicans, Jesuit Fathers, Oblates and Franciscans in their religious habits, with all the priests of the diocese. We clip the following from the Buffalo Evening News:

This afternoon the broadcloth covered casket will be placed in the vault under the altar, beside the body of Bishop Timon, the first Bishop of this diocese, and the one who appointed; the dead Mgr. Gleeson Vicar. A simple inscription on a silver plate of the casket reads:

"Died December 2, 1895.
Right Rev. William Gleeson, V. G.
Aged 67 years."

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Correspondence.

DEAR SIR—From facts that have come to my knowledge since my last letter was penned to *THE REGISTER*, the conviction has grown upon me, that, while giving due credit to the late Col. Baldwin for his many excellent traits of character, I may have, as your Guelph correspondent wrote, unwittingly wronged the memory of his opponent, Mr. McElderry. As all the facts of the case occurred long before my time, I had only hearsay reports to guide me in my relation of what had transpired, and these reports were no doubt one sided, as I had never an opportunity of hearing alternam partem. From very reliable evidence lately furnished me, I conclude that Col. Baldwin and Mr. McElderry were both honest men and good Catholics, and that in the dispute which came before the courts each man honestly believed in the righteousness of his own cause. DUBUQU.

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