

HONORABLE EDWARD BLAKE DIED SUDDENLY OF HEART FAILURE

Health Had Been Failing Steadily Since Paralytic Stroke of a Year Ago—Was One of Canada's Greatest Statesmen and Leading Figure for Many Years.

Toronto, March 2.—Hon. Edward Blake, K.C., LL.D., died at his home, 449 Jarvis street, shortly before 7 o'clock last night after a lingering illness. The news of his death brought a severe shock to a large section of the community, who, while knowing Mr. Blake's sickness, were ill-prepared to hear of his death. About two weeks ago Mr. Blake's condition took a change for the worse. He sank rapidly, and yesterday afternoon it became apparent that the end was near. Dr. Wm. Goldie, who was in attendance, summoned the members of the family to the bedside of the distinguished Canadian. Mr. Blake lost consciousness about half an hour before death. As he breathed his last he was surrounded by his wife, Mr. Hume Blake, K.C., a son, (Professor) G. M. Wrong, a daughter, and Dr. Goldie. Mr. Samuel Blake, another son, is at present in England, and was advised of his father's death by cable.

Stricken With Paralysis.
About four years ago last summer, when in England, Mr. Blake suffered a paralytic stroke, and as a consequence he decided to retire from public life and seek rest and quiet in Canada. In August of 1908 he arrived at Quebec, accompanied by his son, Mr. Samuel Blake, and came right through to Toronto. Since that time he had lived in complete retirement. For the last two years he had undertaken no work whatever, spending the summer months at Murray Bay. Since coming to Canada Mr. Blake had two slight paralytic strokes, which induced the heart failure which brought about the final collapse. Mr. Blake's condition has been such as to preclude any attempt at literary reminiscences, and he will be best remembered by his constructive work in the early days

of Canada both as lawyer and statesman.

A Great Statesman.

Those who toiled and fought with Edward Blake, those who were associated with him on the great historical arguments that made his fame as a counsel extend to the bounds of the Empire, those who knew his constructive genius as a statesman, are best qualified to testify to his worth. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who succeeded him as Liberal leader in Ottawa; Sir James Whitney, who comes in the succession of provincial premiers; Sir John Boyd, his associate at law, and others, all speak in glowing terms of the man and his work, while his striking though kindly face, his pleasing manner, his ability as an orator, his achievements as a lawyer and statesman, and his distaste of ostentation will make him a figure never to be forgotten.

Hon. Edward Blake is survived by his wife, a daughter of the late Right Rev. Benjamin Cronyn, bishop of Huron; his sons, Mr. Hume Blake, K.C., and Mr. Samuel Blake, and a daughter, Mrs. G. M. Wrong. Hon. S. H. Blake, K.C., a brother, is the only surviving member of his father's family.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed, but it was stated that they would be under private auspices, and interment would take place in the family plot in St. James' Cemetery.

Premier's Statement.

Sir James Whitney, premier of Ontario, was grieved to hear of Hon. Mr. Blake's death. He said: "He was a man of great talent, both professionally and otherwise; a man of high principle and of strict devotion to public duty. In these respects his life may well be considered as an example to all Canadians. I have no doubt that the news of his death will come to the hearts of his countrymen."

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Illustrious Son of Middlesex Has Crossed the Great Divide



HON. EDWARD BLAKE.
Born in the Township of Adelaide, Middlesex County, on Oct. 18, 1833.

HON. MR. BLAKE WELL KNOWN TO THE OLDER GENERATION

Some of His Best Speeches Were Made Here as the Leader of Liberals.

The late Hon. Edward Blake was well known in London, having visited here at frequent intervals. He married a daughter of the late Mr. R. B. Cronyn, Bishop of Huron, and a sister of Mr. Verschoyle Cronyn, of the firm of Cronyn & Betts & Co., of this city, and Mr. Cronyn married Mr. Blake's sister.

Mr. Blake was particularly fond of Mrs. Cronyn, and as often as his busy life would permit he came to London to spend a few days with her. These visits were always spent quietly, few people being allowed to see him.

The last time he was here was about two years ago. At that time

he was taken ill, and for a time it was feared that the end was near. He rallied, however, and since that time had enjoyed a moderate degree of health.

During his political career several of his best speeches were delivered in London. The older generation of politicians remember them well, and declare that the former leader of the Liberal party seemed to go particularly well when he addressed an audience in this city.

"Hon. Edward Blake was a great figure in Canadian life," said Mr. H. Purdon, K.C., "Mr. Blake visited London at frequent intervals, and made some of his best speeches in this city. He seemed to like to come here. Of late years he had lived quietly, his age beginning to tell upon him. He was a big man in the early days of this country."

Few, if any, of his contemporaries in Adelaide, his birthplace, remain.

The quarterly board of his church had the largest vote against it. The vote in favor, however, was twice as large.

Rev. W. H. A. Chalmers, of the Southern Congregational Church, is also opposed to union. His church will not vote this time.

The vote was taken two years ago, and the proposal of union was defeated.

FIRST METHODISTS FOR CHURCH UNION

Quarterly Board Voted 39 to 3 in Favor on Friday Night.

SITUATION IN LONDON

Congregationalists in Favor, as Are Also the Presbyterians—Two London Pastors Opposed.

The quarterly board of the First Methodist Church, on Friday night, voted 39 to 3 in favor of church union. The congregational vote will be taken two weeks from tomorrow. Ballots will be mailed to the members and adherents, and these will be deposited in ballot boxes in the church on Sunday.

So far eight quarterly boards of local Methodist churches have voted strongly for union. Colborne Street had the smallest proportionate majority, 22 voting for and 11 against. Empress avenue had the largest proportionate majority, voting unanimously for and none against.

Dundas Centre, Hill Street, Ridout Street, Askin Street and Centennial churches have all given large majorities in favor of union.

Wellington Street, Hyatt Avenue and Richmond Street Churches have yet to vote.

All the congregational votes will be taken in March or April, and the returns will be made to the district meeting in May.

The First Congregational Church has voted for union. The Southern Congregational Church is opposed to union, and will not vote at all.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church voted very strongly for union. The First Presbyterian Church vote is not complete yet. Knox Church and New St. James' will conclude voting tomorrow.

It is expected that all the local churches of the three denominations will vote for union with the exception of the Southern Congregational Church.

MOTOR CYCLE SQUAD FOR SEVENTH REGIMENT

Col. Campbell Is Making Preparations To Form One at Once.

Preparations are being made by Col. A. A. Campbell, of the Seventh Regiment, for the organization of a motor-cycle squad, and it is expected that this new department will prove of the greatest value in military manoeuvres in the future.

The colonel was greatly impressed with the motor-cycles at the big field day at Dundas Valley last summer, and has now decided to attach a corps of riders to the strength of the regiment. The great speed with which trips can be made across country, and the saving of time in delivering of dispatches is an important matter. Those who had the machines at Dundas found it possible to take their light-weight motors across fields, through streams and over fences with ease, and therefore had a decided advantage.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—DECIDEDLY COLD.

Toronto, March 2.—A fine and cold day. Moderate winds; fine and cold. Sunday—North and northeast winds, and decidedly cold.

Temperatures.

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	15	12	Fair
Calgary	10	12	Fair
Winnipeg	6	18	Clear
Fort Arthur	6	12	Clear
Port Arthur	16	6	Clear
Toronto	25	6	Clear
Ottawa	20	2	Fair
Montreal	18	2	Clear
Quebec	18	2	Fair
Father Point	18	14	Snow

Minus (—) means below zero.

The area of high pressure which still dominates the weather throughout the Dominion is now centred in Manitoba, and is spreading eastward.

The weather continues cold in all the provinces, and in the West the temperature is very low.

LONDON MAN WAS CAUGHT BY CUPID

Mr. Robert Wallace Met Bride To Be While On a Trip to Bermuda.

IT'S A REAL ROMANCE

Story of How a Boston Lady Won the Heart of a Local Businessman—Belongs to Famous Family.

Mr. Robert Wallace, manager of the Battle Creek Toasted Corn Flake Company, of this city, who left on a holiday trip to the Bermudas about two months ago, has become a victim of Cupid's dart since his absence, and his engagement to Miss Frances Adams, of Boston, Mass., is announced.

When Mr. Wallace left London in company with Col. A. A. Campbell and other friends, the thought of matrimony was farthest away from his mind.

On the trip from Boston he met Miss Adams, who was forced, owing to the crowded condition of the ship, to take a stateroom with Mr. Wallace's sister. The following announcement, copied from the Royal Gazette, Hamilton, Bermuda, was written by Larry Crittenden, "The Poet Ranchman," one of the best-known newspapermen in the United States.

Another personal item regarding Miss Adams is also given: "According to a very interesting report just received through the romantic 'Red Birds' Postoffice at 'Ye Poet's Lodge,' in Church Bay—Baileys Bay, Cupid has been very busy of late at the new Belmont Hotel in Warwick. This is not surprising, for the fluted air-breathing romance always ever around this poetic, interesting and artistic resort. No bachelor is safe within Cupid's bow shot of the happy family hotel."

"It is said in all seriousness and truth that Mr. Robert Wallace, a very popular and prosperous Canadian gentleman from London, Ontario, Canada, now at the Belmont, has surrendered and succumbed to the great god of love at last. Now he displays his loyal colors and bows low at the shrine of Miss Columbia (Frances Adams), of Boston, one of the most popular and talented daughters of good old Uncle Sam, and a niece of our esteemed American consul, Hon. W. Maxwell Greene. Adams have just become engaged, and expect to be married at an early date. This most interesting item of news is true, and it will be received with delight by many friends of this happy couple, to whom congratulations are now in order, and to whom Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle, proprietors of the hotel, will give a little reception in the parlor of the hotel this afternoon. The red birds alone must be censured for telling of this happy event, and we hope they will all be forgiven for this has been written here—but one cannot keep secrets from the red birds, and today in a joyful chorus one and all are singing—'get married—get married—don't tarry—don't tarry—and look out for that bachelor's tax!'"

"And there are others sore beset—Romance is in the air."

Ye island bees—Ye island bees! The Union Jack and Stars and Stripes float o'er the ramparts of the heart. In proud Bermuda's land; Lullaby they wave, forever true. In every calm and breeze—The guardians of peace and right—O'er all the seven seas—Men's hearts are growing kinder now. No matter what they say! Peace, love and reason rule the day. And God shall reign some day."

A Famous Family.
"One of the most popular guests at the new Belmont Hotel in Warwick is Miss Frances Adams, of Boston, Mass. Miss Adams is a member of one of America's oldest families, and some of her ancestors and relatives have played very important parts in the history and literature of the United States. She herself is a woman of rare charm and talents, and a relative of our own highly-esteemed and very popular American consul, Hon. Maxwell Greene. At a recent entertainment in the music room of the Belmont, Miss Adams delighted all the guests present by her recitations and stories, and a vote of thanks was extended to her by the guests."

A Sneaky Trick.
Green Attorney, McMillan announced that he had investigated the dealings by which Walter C. Barnett lost \$20, and while he characterized the transaction as sneaky and dishonest, he admitted that Pettie could scarcely be punished for it within the law.

He, therefore, refused to offer evidence. Mr. McKillop stated that during the past few days he has been given information of two other similar deals negotiated by Pettie, by which a woman who was compelled to work for her living lost \$126 and a man \$120.

OIL COMPANY MAY SPEND A MILLION

Imperial Oil Company's First Meeting at Sarnia Develops Interesting Rumor.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, March 1.—The Imperial Oil Company held its first official meeting in this town last night. Hitherto the company's meetings have always been held in New York. It is rumored that it was decided at the meeting last evening to expend one million dollars here on the local plant. Whether or not this is an additional expenditure, or includes the amount of money already used in local improvements, is not known.

It is reported that Mr. Battley, a jeweler on Front street, has sold his residence to Mr. Hobson.

COMPEL CONNECTION WITH CITY SEWERS

Agitation Is Again Being Raised in Some Quarters.

The question of compelling every property owner in the city to connect with sewers where it is possible will again be a live topic of discussion in the city council shortly.

At the present time there is a bylaw saying that every lavatory within two hundred feet of a sewer should be connected with the sewer. It is now proposed to make the distance 150 feet from the street line. This will compel all property within the business districts, to connect up, unless the people interested object.

TIMETABLES FOR DEPARTMENTAL EXAMS

Dates Are Two Weeks Earlier Than in Former Years.

The timetables for the departmental examinations have been issued, and are being posted in the various schools of the city.

The senior high school entrance, the senior public school graduation, model school entrance, and lower school examinations for entrance into the normal schools and faculties of education will be held from June 19 to 18. This is two weeks earlier than usual.

The Middlesex school entrance into normal schools, the upper school entrance into faculties of education, post matriculation and honor and scholarship matriculation examinations, will commence on June 12 and finish on June 23.

The last two weeks earlier than former years. The hot weather is not conducive to good work, and the department have decided to get the work over before July.

SEVEN YEARS FOR GORDON LAMOTTE

Strathroy Man Sentenced for Robbing a Merchant in That Town.

TOOK "MEDICINE" COOLLY

Judge Macbeth Said That Talking to Lamotte Does No Good.

Gordon Lamotte was this morning sentenced to seven years in Kingston Penitentiary on the charge of robbery and shopbreaking in Strathroy, to which he pleaded guilty last Monday. For attempted jailbreaking he was sentenced to one year, but the two sentences will run concurrently.

Lamotte's father was in court today, when Judge Macbeth imposed the sentence upon his son. He showed no change of countenance when the sentence was imposed, and seemed contented with having the young man taken care of for seven years. Two days ago Lamotte's father told the judge that his son had always been a source of worry to him, but he did not wish too long a term of imprisonment to be imposed.

Lamotte was brought up shortly after 11 o'clock, and the court waited for some time the arrival of the boy's counsel, J. M. Wootley, who told Lamotte said he was expecting Mr. McEvoy asked that the court be as lenient as possible.

"Have you anything to say for yourself?" the youth was asked by the court.

"No," he said, "only to ask that you be as lenient as you can with me."

"Nor have I anything to say to you," said Judge Macbeth. "What I said to you two years ago has apparently had no results. Then you were treated very leniently."

Lamotte when sentenced appeared to realize the severity of it. He looked betrayed no expression of feeling, and was led from the room quite erect. He was very carefully dressed.

B. C. LIBERALS WILL HAVE FULL FIELD Decided That Candidate Will Be Placed in Every Constituency.

[Canadian Press.]

Vancouver, March 2.—The Provincial Liberal Association finally decided to run candidates in all constituencies. H. C. Brewster, of Alberni, the only Liberal member of the Legislature, was elected president. A lengthy platform was adopted, arranging the Government of the liquor question and public ownership.

MRS. PANKHURST WAS ARRESTED IN LONDON

Suffragettes Created Another Big Disturbance and Sixty Were Captured by Police.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 2.—The suffragettes made several violent demonstrations this evening in various parts of London. One woman fired a revolver shot through the window of the colonial office. The bullet smashed the window, but hurt no one. Three other women stoned the windows of the official residence of Premier Asquith, breaking three of them.

Several shop windows in Piccadilly were smashed by women. A score of windows were shattered in stores in the Strand.

In the Haymarket, Oxford Circus and Bond street, numbers of other windows were smashed with stones and pieces of iron.

There were between 60 and 80 arrests, among them being Mrs. Pankhurst. Windows smashed by the suffragettes is also going on along Oxford and Whitehall. A massive window of the Canadian Pacific railroad offices at Charing Cross was shattered.

POLICE ARE GUARDING STREETS OF PEKING

Desultory Shooting By Mutineers Continued All Night But Outbreak Is Quelled.

[Canadian Press.]

Peking, March 2.—Desultory shooting by the mutineers continued throughout last night, and at 2 o'clock this morning, occasional shots continued to be heard, most of them in the distance. The electric lights throughout the city were extinguished during the night, and the streets were deserted. The old style troops and the police are guarding the city. They are not doing patrol duty, but lie in wait in various points for looters. The mutineers who remained in Peking after the first outbreak are being detained in barracks.

General Li Yueh Heng, commander of the Republican troops at Nanking, who is interfering effectively with the National Government's orders, has telegraphed the Republican delegates in Peking not to insist on Yuan Shi Kai proceeding to Nanking. Yuan Shi Kai has telegraphed the officials at Pao Ting Fu, situated 70 miles southwest of Peking, to arrest or kill all the mutineers who went there by train from Peking.

FOUND DEAD

George A. Joyce Is Believed to Be a Woodstock Merchant.

[Canadian Press.]

Chicago, March 2.—A man, believed to be George A. Joyce, a merchant of Woodstock, Ont., was found dead in a bathtub in a downtown hotel here today. Heart disease is believed to have been the cause.

MRS. EMMELINE PANKHURST WAS GIVEN TWO MONTHS IN JAIL.

Leader of the Militant Suffragettes Took Prominent Part in Window Smashing Campaign in the Streets of London Yesterday.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 2.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, Mrs. Tukes and Mrs. Marshall, the three leaders of last evening's window-smashing campaign, by which the suffragettes almost succeeded in terrorizing the London traders, were sentenced this morning each to two months' imprisonment. They were the first three of the 124 women who were arrested in the course of the street demonstrations, and who are to be arraigned at the Bow street police court, chiefly on charges of causing wilful damage to stores in Piccadilly, Bond street, Regent street, Oxford street, the Haymarket, and the Strand, as well as other busy shopping streets.

The attorney for the prosecution announced in court today that the total damage done by the suffragettes in their stone-throwing manifestations was estimated at \$25,000, and on behalf of the Government he stated that the time had now arrived when the consideration which had been given to shown in connection with suffrage

raids could no longer be allowed.

The friendly audience that has heretofore been present in the police court at suffragette prosecutions was absent this morning, and Mrs. Pankhurst and her companions faced public benches which were generally occupied by sympathizers with the storekeepers whose premises had suffered damage. The sentences of the three leaders were received with applause.

Is Not Douted.

On the delivery of the sentence by the magistrate, Mrs. Pankhurst declared that she intended to go farther when she comes out of prison, and that the suffragettes were prepared to go to the fullest in order to show the Government that women were going to secure the vote.

Sentences ranging from a fortnight to two months were pronounced on a number of prisoners, but most of the women were committed for trial at the London sessions, as the damage committed by each of them exceeded \$5. About thirty cases were dealt with today, the remainder being adjourned.

CITY COUNCIL WILL SUPPORT CLOSING OF THE FISH MARKET

Aldermen Appear To Believe Move Is In the Right Direction.

The recommendation of the board of health that the fish market be closed on May 15 is creating a great deal of discussion on the market today. So far as the market house is concerned, it will make little difference to the present occupants of the building, and the butchers will be affected, the basement being used by outsiders for storing butter, etc. The revenue from this portion of the place is limited, and no objection will be made to closing this.

From impressions given by the majority of the aldermen, it is quite likely, however, that the fish market will be closed.

Favor Closing Street.

"I think it should be closed," said Ald. Apsaloup, a member of No. 3 committee. "This place is not a pleasant spot, and there is always trouble from it. The city

is competing with citizens who have places to rent, and I think these men should secure quarters elsewhere. When we raised the rent of the butchers there was an awful howl, although the majority of the tenants were paying much less rent than they would have to pay if they rented quarters from private citizens. It would not be a bad idea if the whole business was removed."

"I do not like the place," said Ald. Wright, "it is not pleasant, and I do not know but what it would be the best thing to close it up. However, we will see what is to be done."

"The board of health simply recommends this action to the city council," said Mayor Graham. "We will investigate before action is taken."

Will Support the Board.

In conversation with other members of the council, it appeared that the board of health would be well supported among the aldermen when the matter came up for settlement in the council.

"It is hardly fair," said Mr. F. S. Orr, one of the occupants of the fish market. "We have been good tenants of the city for many years. However, we will not worry if they do close it up."

REV. F. C. HARPER IS NOT YET DECIDED

Unanimous Call Was Extended to Him by Chalmers Church.

In an interview with The Advertiser today at his home in Hillsdale, Ont., Rev. Frank C. Harper stated that he had not yet arrived at any decision relative to accepting the call extended to him by Chalmers Presbyterian Church, of this city.

Rev. Mr. Harper is an honor graduate of University College in political science and law, and of Knox College in divinity, taking a course of post-graduate study under Dr. Marcus Dods and Dr. A. B. Davidson, in New College, in Edinburgh, Scotland, receiving the degree of B. D. in 1901. During recent years he has been carrying on a course of post-graduate study in New Testament literature with

a view to writing for the degree of D. D. at Mount St. Mary's College in affiliation with McGill University next year. His scholarship in college and since graduation should insure success when he writes next year for the highest academic degree in the gift of the colleges of his church.

Mr. Harper has had successful pastorates in Drummondville, Pickering and Sydenham, and is now in his third year of effective work in St. Andrew's Church, Hillsdale.

He has arisen to prominence in the Masonic Order also, being a past master of Kerr Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and consistory of Mount Calvary Preceptory, Knights Templar, all in Barrie. In the Scottish rite he is a member of Merton Lodge of Perfection, Hamilton Rose Croix Chapter and Moore Consistory 32 degree. In 1908-9 he was grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of Canada.

The call to Mr. Harper from Chalmers Church will have to pass through the ordinary channels of London and Barrie Presbyteries before his decision will be known.