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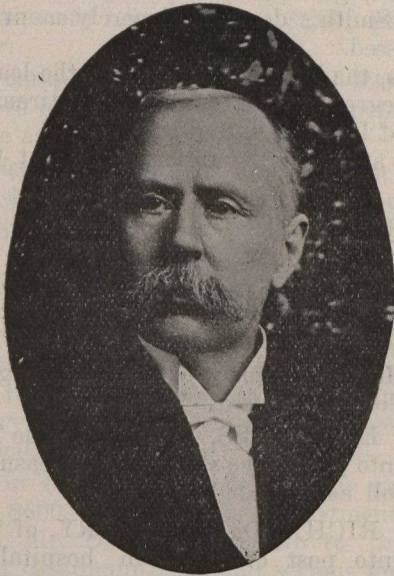
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Commons Sustains Severe Losses.

Clerk of the House Retires from Service and Veteran Sergeant-at-Arms is Called by Death.



DR. THOS. B. FLINT.



THE LATE LIEUT.-COL. SMITH.

The prorogation of Parliament was marked by the loss to the House of Commons of its two chief officers, and when the House re-assembles there will be new figures in the chairs of the Clerk and Sergeant-at-Arms. Dr. T. B. Flint has retired from the clerkship on account of ill-health, and Lieut.-Col. Henry R. Smith, after faithfully discharging the onerous duties of Sergeant-at-Arms during the prolonged session, died suddenly at Kingston on September 20th.

Thomas Barnard Flint, M.A., LL.B., D.C.L., had occupied the position of Clerk of the House since 1902. He was qualified by years of experience at the bar, as a judicial officer and as assistant clerk of the Assembly in Nova Scotia, as well as by eleven years as a member of the Commons. He was a worthy successor to the chair of Sir John Bourinot and fully maintained the tradition of eminent service that attaches to the position of Clerk of the House.

In Lieut.-Col. Henry R. Smith, C.M.G., I.S.O., the House and the Civil Service loses its oldest and one of its most distinguished and popular officers. He had served, in all, fifty-eight years, and had been Sergeant-at-Arms for twenty-five years. His service embraced the whole first half-century of the Do-