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DEATH CLAIMS

Sir Mackenzie Bowell Called to Rest at Ripe Age of 94

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 10.—Sir Mackenzie Bowell died this evening at 7.40, following a week's illness. The surviving members of the family are John M. Bowell, of Vancouver; Charles J., publisher of the Intelligencer of this city; Mrs. J. C. Jamieson, of St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. C. P. Holton and Mrs. George W. McCartny, daughters, of this city.

Nearly two years ago Sir Macken-tie Bowell, at the age of 92 years, ade an extended trip to the Yukon, In view of his years this was an acment unique in history; but the aged statesman never considbelief and probably in the belief of all those familiar with his energetic ways and clear, sound mind, quite young after all. That a nonogenaran, particularly a nonogenarian who in the cities and who was not a habitant of the Canadian wilds, ould hike through such ountry with apparently no more difficulty than confronted his counger companions, is a matter almost beyond belief, and bears ample testimony to the remarkable physique of the late Sir Mackenzie. He was impelled to make this trin, as he himself explained, because he had never seen that part of Canada before and because he might not have another opportunity to see it. On

ville Intelligencer as a printer's apprentice. This printer's devil was destined to become at a later date editor and proprietor of the Intelli-gencer and, subsequently, first citi-zen of the Dominion. As a youth he developed a strong interest in public affairs, and for a time was chair-man of the Board of School Trustees and of the Grammar School Board of Belleville. He became identified with the Orange Order, and was successively Grand Master of the Orange Grand Lodge of On-tario East, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British America,

and President of the Triennial Council of Orangeism.

In 1857 Mackenzie Bowell assisted in raising a rifle company in the Canadian Voluntær Forces, and shortly after he volunteered for service. He was gazetted ensign in June, 1865, and he served on the frontier during the American Civil War, 1864-65. He saw active service again during the Fenian troubles of 1866, and rose to the rank of captain of the 15th Argyll Light Infantry. Subsequently he became a major in the 49th Rifles, and in March, 1874, he retired with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He held the Fenian medal and the long-service decoration, and in 1903 he was styled honorary colonel of that unit.

Debut in Politics

In 1863 Mackenzie Bowell made his debut into politics. He unsuccessfully contested North Hastings in the Conservative interest in that year; but four years later he was elected to the House of Commons and sat for North Hastings until 1892. In 1892 he was called to the Senate. He was a member of the Macdonald, Abbott and Thompson Adminisrations. He successively held the portfolios of Minister of Customs, Minister of Militia and Minister of Trade and Commerce. He was the first appointed to the last-named office, and was the organizer, of the first appointed to the last-named office, and was the organizar of that Department of State. He was Prime Minister, with the office of president of the Privy Council, from Prime Minister, with the office of president of the Privy Council, from December, 1894, to April, 1896. He resigned the Prime Ministry on April 27th 1896. He was Government leader in the Senate from 1898 until his resignation as Premier, and was leader of the Opposition in the Senate from 1896 until 1906, when he resigned. On the occasion of his resigned. On the occasion of his resignation he was presented with a testimonial of esteen by the members of the Conservative party in the

another opportunity to see it. On his return he began to contemplate the prospects of a trip to the Pacific coast for the purpose of visiting his son in Vancouver; and at the time of his last illness he had not relinquished that project.

Mackenzie Bowell was born in Rickinghall, Suffolk, Eng., on December 27, 1823, and was a son of the late John Bowell, a carpenter and builder. When the son was nine years of age the parents emigrated to Canada and settled in Belleville. Young Bowell was sent to work in the office of the Belleville Intelligencer as a printer's aptivation of the service of the servic was chairman, and in June, attended the third Commoners' Congress at House of Commons. He served on a elect committee for the investigation of the North-West Rebellion in 1869-70 and subsequently moved for the expulsion of Louis Beil from Parliament and received a testimonial from the Orange Order for his action in this connection.

As Prime Minister Sir Mackenzi Bowell's main policy was the en-forcement of remedial legislation in the matter of the Munitoba school question, and in this connection he adopted the attitude that he would stand or fall by his convictions. He failed in his efforts to bring New ioundland into the Contraderation.

He was appointed a governor of the University of Toronto in 1896, and was a vice-president of the

British League in Canada, and was onnected with numerous business and financial ventures. He was ap pointed a representative of the Can-adion Senate at King George's Coronation in 1911.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell was a Methodist, and in 1847 was married to Harriet Louisa Moore of Belleville. who passed away in 1884. He was Club, Toronto.

LANGFORD

(From our own correspondent)
Rev. Mr. Down had charge of the
service on Sunday morning. Very
lew out, owing to the very cold and

ng slowly. Mrs. R. Myrkle spent one day last eek with her daughter, Mrs. F. L.

Langs.
Mr. R. Vanderlip is visiting rela ives in Cleveland.
Miss Annie Pickard is with friends east of Toronto.

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ECHO PLACE

(From Our Own Correspondent).
Mrs. Spicer, Park avenue, city,
visited her son, Mr. A. J. Spicer, last
Monday. Mrs. Geo. Smith and Miss Bessie Smith spent a day in Ancaster.

Mr. W. E. Haines, Toronto, was calling on old friends in our village

Thursday.

The patriotic meeting last Tuesday evening was largely attended.

Ladies' Aid held their annual bazaar last Thursday.

Echo Place is being well represented the theorems. Master Ernest Styler met with a nasty accident this week which necessitated a visit to the hospital

GUTT STRAFE WILSON!

Courier Leased Wire Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—The Ger Amsterdam, Dec. 10.—The German press generally uses language of denunciation in commenting on President Wilson's message to Congress. Count von Reventlow, in The Tages Zeitung, sees in the message proof that quite apart from the war on land it is a question of actual process. The Tageblatt says that the message has raised new difficulties for friends of peace.

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tual existence of the German Empire and that only the strength and ten-acity of Germany will and can pre-vall against the Anglo-Saxon attack. The Tageblatt says that the mes-sage has raised new difficulties for



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