

CANADA MOURNS

Sir John Thompson, Premier of Canada

Expires Suddenly at Windsor Castle, England.

His Remains to be Brought Home in a British Man of War.

SKETCH OF HIS CAREER.

Sir John Thompson, Premier of Canada is dead. The sad event occurred at Windsor Castle, the Queen's residence, about noon on Wednesday.

The Premier had just been sworn in a member of the Imperial Privy Council. Her Majesty personally administering the oath, and had adjourned for lunch when the terrible visitation came. Ten minutes after the first attack, death claimed his victim.

Sir John left Canada the last of October, reaching London Nov. 7th. From there he went to the continent, visiting Paris and Rome and returning to London Nov. 29th. He had business at the Colonial office and on Tuesday evening he spoke at a public meeting at which the results of the Intercolonial Conference were discussed. It was noted then that the Premier was not in good health. Tuesday night probably laboring under excitement over Wednesday's coming ceremony, he did not sleep well, and he arrived at the Hotel Cecil, London, shortly before noon Wednesday, he complained of illness. The dispatches following told the sad news in graphic detail.

Sir John Thompson expired suddenly at Windsor Castle at noon on Wednesday. He had been, not long before death overtook him, sworn in as a privy councillor of the empire. Shortly after the oath was administered by Her Majesty in person, and the ceremony of swearing in took place in the presence of the Earl of Ripon and the members of the court at Windsor.

Sir John had left London that morning for Her Majesty's residence at Windsor, and before leaving the city he had

complained of feeling unwell, saying he had not slept well last night. It is supposed the excitement of the ceremony through which he had passed so told on him that he looked down under the strain, for, after leaving the royal presence for the ministers' luncheon in the castle, he again renewed his complaint of the morning that he was feeling unwell.

Luncheon, he said, was out of the question; he could not eat anything and asked to be excused from the table. His companions, including Lord Ripon, signified their sorrow at his state of health, and Sir John was led by one of the royal attendants to the writing room, adjoining the ministers' luncheon room. There Sir John sat down on a couch and leaned forward upon his hands. He appeared to be resting peacefully, and his agitation was also great. Suddenly the sick man rose partly from his couch; he appeared to grope in the darkness; he then

fell back in a swoon. Death came with terrible swiftness. The attendant gave the alarm and the ministers at luncheon caught it up. There was a rush for the writing room by the ministers. When the doctor, hastily summoned, had reached the side of the prostrate man, his hand laid "Sir John Thompson is dead," was the intelligence that went forth from the place of death. The utmost surprise, dismay and horror prevailed, and expressions of regret were general. It was decided to keep the intelligence from Her Majesty just then, as the Queen's health at present, owing to her increased lameness, is far from good. When the physician emerged from the death chamber, he was not prepared to state the real cause of death, but expressed the opinion that it was

due to heart disease, aggravated by recent ill health which Sir John had complained of, and by the excitement of the ceremony of the swearing in.

That Sir John was far from being a well man was painfully apparent at the Colonial Institute Tuesday night. In making his speech, Sir John was forced to curtail it on account of what he termed lack of strength. It was observed that Sir John was speaking with his hands trembled and there were convulsive movements of his arms, and on account of the attack Sir John brought his speech to rather an abrupt end.

Sir John Thompson died at that institute before the meeting and at that time appeared to be in good health. He was also in good spirits, and joined cordially in the talk that was current.

The Queen Informed. When finally it was decided to tell Her Majesty of the death which had overtaken the Premier of her chief official, the news was broken to her as gently as possible. She expressed herself as inexpressibly shocked, and showed the deepest grief and concern. Her Majesty at once sent a cable message of condolence to Lady Thompson as follows:

WINDSOR CASTLE, Dec. 12.—It is impossible for me to say how deeply grieved I am at the terrible occurrence which has befallen your husband, and how very truly I sympathize with you in your deep affliction.

(Signed) VICTORIA.

She had given Sir John a most gracious welcome, and in acknowledging his presence referred to him as the successor of the late Sir John A. Macdonald, not only in office but in the loyal and courageous policy of cementing the Canadian Dominion closer to the empire.

Sir Charles Tupper, Thursday morning, previous to the funeral ceremonies, had an audience with the Queen, who declared to him that she felt the deepest grief at Canada's loss, and expressed in touching words her sympathy with the Canadian people. Her Majesty then ordered Sir Charles to cable a message expressive of her sorrow to the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor General of Canada. The following is the text of the Queen's message to the Earl of Aberdeen: "The Queen has personally commanded me to express to Your Excellency her deep sympathy with the people of Canada in the sad blow which the country has sustained by the sudden and untimely death of the Premier."

(Signed) TUPPER.

The laurel wreath which the Queen placed upon the coffin, will be taken to Canada. It bears the autograph inscription of the Queen, as follows: "A mark of sincere respect from Victoria."

More Details of Sir John Thompson's Death. The first message received from Windsor, announcing Sir John Thompson's demise was hardly credited, so startling was the intelligence conveyed, but it is convincingly confirmed by later telegrams. He had left London only a few hours before apparently in excellent health, and sanguine spirits in company with the party of Cabinet Ministers, whose mission it was to attend a meeting of the Privy Council at Windsor Castle. It was an important day in Sir John Thompson's life, for at this very meeting of the Privy Council he was to be sworn in as a member of the Council. The party was to leave by special train at noon. The Canadian Premier was the first to arrive at Paddington railroad station, in order to accompany the Cabinet Ministers and members of the Privy Council on the special train bound for Windsor where a meeting of the Privy Council was to be held at the Castle. Sir John waited on the platform of Paddington station for half an hour before the special train started and during that time he

Conferred in an animated manner with Lord Breadalbane, the Lord Steward of the Queen's Household and with Mr. Arnold, Mr. Morley, Postmaster-General, the Marquis of Ripon, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Fowler, the India Secretary, and with Secretary Charles Lennox Peel, Clerk of the Privy Council. Up to the time the train started, Sir John Thompson did not show any signs of fatigue or excitement. His appearance and manner did not give the slightest indication that he was suffering from any illness. His demeanor gave no sign that he was laboring under any unusual excitement. In short, he was perhaps the last man in the assembly that would have been supposed to be the next to be summoned by the grim reaper death.

As to what took place upon his arrival at Windsor led the following messages bear testimony: Upon the arrival of the train bearing the distinguished party of British Cabinet Ministers with the no less distinguished Prime Minister of Canada, Sir John Thompson, at the station here, the party alighted and were conveyed by carriage in waiting to the Council Chamber, where the Privy Council were convened. In due form John Thompson was sworn in.

Made a Member of the Council. and the immediate business thereof was despatched without incident or accident. At the conclusion of the deliberations of this body the councillors adjourned for luncheon. Premier Thompson accompanied his fellow members, and such a remarkable testimony: Upon the arrival of the train bearing the distinguished party of British Cabinet Ministers with the no less distinguished Prime Minister of Canada, Sir John Thompson, at the station here, the party alighted and were conveyed by carriage in waiting to the Council Chamber, where the Privy Council were convened. In due form John Thompson was sworn in.

Stricken with Apalling Weakness. he expired. In the confusion and alarm incident upon such a remarkably sudden death, it is difficult to learn the exact nature of the attack. But, it is learned that pending the arrival of the surgeon-in-chief, Dr. Ellison, the circle of ministers did all that their wisdom could suggest to revive and resuscitate the dying Premier. Stimulants were administered, but all in vain. The Marquis of Ripon, the Colonial Secretary, administered brandy to Sir John. This seemed for a moment to revive him, but the stimulus was only momentary. When the surgeon-in-chief, Dr. Ellison, entered the room and examined the patient's pulse, his expression confirmed the gravest fears of the ministerial councillors who surrounded him. The pulse was imperceptible. In ten minutes Sir John Thompson was a corpse. The cause of death at present writing is generally thought not scientifically, attributable to heart failure, perhaps due to some functional derangement of that organ. The body was removed to one of the principal rooms of the Clarence Tower of Windsor Castle to await the inquest.

Described by an Eye Witness. The Marquis of Breadalbane, who was an eye-witness of the Premier's death, says: "He appeared to be in excellent health, and his agitation was also great. Suddenly the sick man rose partly from his couch; he appeared to grope in the darkness; he then fell back in a swoon. Death came with terrible swiftness. The attendant gave the alarm and the ministers at luncheon caught it up. There was a rush for the writing room by the ministers. When the doctor, hastily summoned, had reached the side of the prostrate man, his hand laid 'Sir John Thompson is dead,' was the intelligence that went forth from the place of death. The utmost surprise, dismay and horror prevailed, and expressions of regret were general. It was decided to keep the intelligence from Her Majesty just then, as the Queen's health at present, owing to her increased lameness, is far from good. When the physician emerged from the death chamber, he was not prepared to state the real cause of death, but expressed the opinion that it was due to heart disease, aggravated by recent ill health which Sir John had complained of, and by the excitement of the ceremony of the swearing in. That Sir John was far from being a well man was painfully apparent at the Colonial Institute Tuesday night. In making his speech, Sir John was forced to curtail it on account of what he termed lack of strength. It was observed that Sir John was speaking with his hands trembled and there were convulsive movements of his arms, and on account of the attack Sir John brought his speech to rather an abrupt end. Sir John Thompson died at that institute before the meeting and at that time appeared to be in good health. He was also in good spirits, and joined cordially in the talk that was current."

John Thompson's daughter. The whole of the Premier's luggage, money, and effects, including the special court suit which he intended to wear at Wednesday's dinner, were given in charge of Sir Charles Tupper's secretary. The funeral train only stopped at Slough, and arrived at Paddington at 11.40 p. m., where a two horse hearse was in waiting. The coffin was removed to the hearse without ceremony, and taken direct to the embalmer's.

Funeral Services in London. Requiem Mass begun in the Lady chapel, in Spanish place, London, at 11 o'clock yesterday. The weather was cold, damp, foggy and altogether disagreeable, and owing to the short notice of the service there was only a moderate attendance. Mass was celebrated by Father Longino, of St. Edward's church, Windsor, assisted by Canon Barry. The coffin, upon which rested a solitary wreath, the one placed upon it by the Queen, arrived at the west entrance to the chapel at exactly 11 o'clock. Sir Charles Tupper followed immediately behind the casket. Among those present were the Marquis of Ripon and Lord Hawkebury on behalf of the Queen, Baron de Courcel, Lord Russell, Earl of Aberdeen, Sir John Benson, the permanent officials of the Colonial office, Sir George Osborne Morgan, M. P., the colonial agents of Queensland and Natal and minor officials. Miss Thompson, accompanied by Senator and Mrs. Stanford, occupied a seat immediately in front of the altar and facing the coffin. The service, which consisted of the solemn Mass for the dead, with an antiphonal chanting, was very impressive.

At the conclusion of the Mass mourners and friends passed around the coffin and looked upon the face of the dead Premier. The wreath placed upon the coffin by the Queen was of bay and laurel leaves, with white streamers. A wreath of costly composed of white flowers from Lady Tupper, and wreaths from the Premier's daughters were placed upon the coffin after the body was brought into the church.

The coffin is of mahogany, upon which is a heavy brass shield with the inscription: "The Right Hon. Sir John S. D. Thompson, P. C., K. C. M. G., M. P., Q. C., died at Windsor Castle Dec. 12, 1894, aged 50 years. Requiescat in pace."

The Home Coming. The British Government have offered to have the remains of the late Premier conveyed to Canada on a British man-of-war and the honor has been accepted. The body will, therefore, be conveyed direct to Halifax and a state funeral will take place in that city. The cruiser Blenheim, 9,000 tons, has been detailed as the vessel to bring the body across the Atlantic. The Blenheim is a sister ship of the Blake, but not as old, the Blenheim being built in 1890. Her speed is 22 knots an hour.

A Gibraltar despatch of yesterday says: Orders were received today to make arrangements for the state funeral. He will consult with General Montgomery Moore, the Mayor, dominion and provincial officials, and set the wheels in motion that the last honors to the illustrious dead may be paid without any hitch. The Premier received the following despatch from Hon. W. S. Fielding, premier of Nova Scotia, last night:

The provincial buildings at Halifax will be at your service if desired for arrangements in connection with Sir John Thompson's funeral.

The News at Ottawa. When the first press messages came to hand the news ran through the city like a flash, and it must be confessed scarcely a citizen believed it.

The sad news was carried to the Acting Premier, Hon. Mr. Bowell, by his messenger, John Carleton. "It cannot be true," was the startled reply. "It is a mere newspaper rumor."

At that moment Mr. Bowell's private secretary, J. L. Payne, entered the Minister's room and informed his chief of the character of the despatch which had come. He intimated that it was apparently an authentic newspaper cablegram.

"I cannot credit it until it is confirmed," remarked Mr. Bowell. Mr. Brock Fleming, who was in the Minister's office at the time, immediately left the room, saying that he would wire Mr. Holmes, general manager of the C. P. R. telegraphs, to have the authority for the message checked, and to inform him later whether it was true or not.

Sir Charles Tupper cabled the news to the acting Premier, and when that came the last vestige of hope was gone, and Mr. Bowell had the news on his desk he burst into tears. He tried to speak to his secretary to give some directions about notifying the Ministers who were absent from the capital, but his voice failed him. His two colleagues, who were with him, were also very much affected. "Poor Lady Thompson," moaned Mr. Bowell; "who can we get to take the news to her?"

"It is your duty, Mr. Bowell," remarked the Finance Minister.

"My God, I cannot do that," was the reply. "But it is clearly the duty of some member of the Ministry to tell her," urged Mr. Foster. Douglas Stewart, the dead Premier's private secretary, entered the room. He had just left Lady Thompson, and was asked to return to her house with Mr. Bowell and Mr. Foster.

Lady Thompson Informed. In the meantime some inkling of the terrible calamity had reached Lady Thompson. Some thoughtless and rude person, having heard the news, called up the Premier's late residence by telephone, and asked if any news had been received of Sir John's death. It was a trying hour for the stricken widow until the final intelligence came. The grief of Lady Thompson and her family as the terrible truth finally dawned on them is far too sacred a thing to parade before the world. Whatever Sir John Thompson was to his country, he was infinitely more to his devoted wife and affectionate children. He was all the world to them, and a well-earned reward for the widow until the final intelligence came.

Sir John's Illness. Dr. H. P. Wright of Ottawa, who was one of the late Premier's physicians in Ottawa, states that the organic trouble Sir John suffered from, was a form of Bright's disease. He had probably been suffering from it all summer, but as there was no special pain other than suffering associated with the trouble, the Premier did not complain till the fall. Then the disease of the kidneys was discovered.

In September, Dr. Wright, Grant (Sir James) and Rodick, of Montreal, held a consultation and advised the Premier to rest. It was thought a visit to the Old Country would probably benefit him, inasmuch as the travel and change would be a rest to his mind. He was also advised to be as much as possible in the warmer parts. This Sir John did, traveling through Italy and along the Mediterranean. He returned to London. Recently Sir John also consulted the most eminent medical authorities in London, and they confirmed the local physicians' diagnosis and endorsed their advice.

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Witness my hand and seal this 12th day of December, A. D. 1894.

FRANK J. MORRISON, Trustee, State of Dec. 8.

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