

SIR WILFRID LAURIER DEAD ; SUCCEMBS TO PARALYSIS

Liberal Chieftain Died at Ten Minutes to Three This Afternoon—Stricken With Paralysis on Sunday Morning.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier died at 2.50 p.m. today as a result of paralysis with which he was stricken on Sunday morning.



OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—At 12.40 p.m. today Sir Wilfrid Laurier had lapsed into unconsciousness. His pulse had grown very weak and paralysis was extending on the left side.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—At 10.15 this morning doctors in attendance on Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated that they did not expect the aged statesman to live more than two hours.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—At 6.30 this morning Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who was stricken with paralysis yesterday was speechless and his life was fast ebbing away, according to a report from his residence. At 7.10 he was still growing weaker and it was stated hardly possible that life could be much further prolonged. Earlier in the morning Dr. R. E. Chevrier, after consultation with Dr. Valin issued statement that the case seemed hopeless. The patient was unconscious and sinking slowly.

OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—While dressing for church this morning Sir Wilfrid Laurier suffered a stroke of paralysis, from the effects of which he did not regain consciousness for some minutes. The seizure came shortly before 11 o'clock this morning. Sir Wilfrid was dressing at his home to go to church, when he suddenly became unconscious and fell to the floor. A maid in an adjoining room, hearing the noise, hastened to his assistance and gave the alarm. Sir Wilfrid was carried to bed and shortly afterward his medical adviser, Dr. R. E. Chevrier, was in attendance. It was a couple of hours later that Sir Wilfrid began to show signs of recovery. His condition gradually improved and he regained speech.

The news of his illness has been received with general regret by members of both political parties, and it was evident that among members of the Government as well as the Opposition there is great personal affection for the stricken Chieftain. The news was a great surprise as well, because Sir Wilfrid took part in gatherings on Saturday and seemed in his usual health and spirits. He has been looking forward to the present session with keen anticipation of important debates, his friends say, and the coming opening will be the first one he will miss for 40 years. He is 78 years of age, but lately his health has seemed somewhat improved, although he has had to conserve his strength and not allow unusual demands to be made upon it. At midnight it was reported that Sir Wilfrid's heart action was good and that he had been talking freely with Lady Laurier.

A caucus will doubtless be called of all Opposition members to find someone to act as temporary leader of the party until Sir Wilfrid can return to his place or definitely resign in order to conserve his vitality for the years which may yet be ahead of him. As most of the old associates of Sir Wilfrid Laurier when in power were rejected at the polls during the last election, and at the present Opposition is working on the theory that Union Government cannot last, and there will be a new alignment of political forces before a new election, there will be great care in choosing a successor to Sir Wilfrid if the latter decides to resign, to get someone who will be persona grata to the farmers as well as to the Workers of Canada. Sir Wilfrid was to have presided at a convention of representative Liberals from all parts of Canada soon after the beginning of the present session, and no doubt this will still be held. It is expected that the regrettable illness of the old Chieftain will cause even warmer interest and greater attendance at this convention. It must be said that the discussion of all these possibilities has been a side issue with everyone in the Capital, the principal note being one of personal concern.

In Government circles word of Sir Wilfrid's illness is received with the deepest regret. Although differing from him on vital political issues, members of the Government have always held Sir Wilfrid in high personal regard.

Should Sir Wilfrid recover entirely from the present seizure, there is scarcely any doubt that he will be unable to take any active part in parliamentary duties. His illness leaves the Opposition without a leader. In some quarters here it is thought that Hon. W. S. Fielding may take the temporary leadership. Mr. Fielding was returned by acclamation as a Liberal supporter of Union Government. But, now the war is practically over, it is thought by some that Mr. Fielding may decide to return to the party of which he was formerly so influential a member. Should Mr. Fielding not feel himself in a position to accept the temporary leadership, choice will probably lie between three ex-Cabinet Ministers on the Opposition side of the House—Hons. Dr. Beland, Dodoche Lemieux and Charles Murphy. The name of D. D. MacKenzie, Sir Wilfrid's desk-mate in the House, is also mentioned.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17, 2 p.m.—There is no change in the condition of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

NATION MOURNS PASSING OF SIR WILFRID LAURIER

Body Will Lie in State in Senate Chamber—Funeral on Saturday—Messages of Sympathy.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Mr. Thomas Mulvey, Under-Secretary of State, has concluded arrangements for the state funeral which the Government and people of Canada wish to pay their respect to the memory of the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier. As soon as Parliament's opening cere-

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The Linen Sale Will Continue a Week Longer at McIntosh Bros.

Final clearing of Men's Underwear at special prices for this week only.

We have just a few Horse Blankets left and are clearing them at \$4.50 and \$3.00

Men's Hanson all wool Sox, reg 75c nowt at 2 pair for \$1.25

We can give you Overalls and Smocks in black, blue and white stripe at the very lowest prices.

Ladies' Crepe De Chine Waists in white and navy at \$2.98

Ladies' Voile Waists in pink and white, clearing at \$1.98

Ladies' Black Satteen Underskirts at 98c

White Silk Middies clearing at \$2.49

Ladies' Fine Hosiery in dark grey, sand, nigger, light grey, cream and black to clear at only 25c pair

Children's Ribbed Hose in White, Tan and Black to sell 25c pr.

Clearing sale of Ladies' Hand Bags at only 75c

Silk and Cotton Thread at 5c spool

Women's Silk Hose in black, white, nigger, taupe & sand \$1.75 pair.

Ladies' Spotted Veils, latest, bargains 15c

Clearing Sale of Children's Gingham Dresses, reg \$2.50 and \$3.25 for \$1.49

Children's Flannelette Underwear at 50 cents

Ladies' and Children's Skating Sets, from \$2.98 to \$1.98 Separate Scarfs at \$1.50

Good line of Children's Rompers selling at 50 cents

Great Sale of Stanfield's Fingering Yarn reg \$3 for \$2 pound

Ladies' Underwear at reduced prices

Final Clearing in Ladies and Children's Hats 98c and \$1.49

Linen Towelling, Tabling and Towels

See our Gold Band Cups and Saucers at 25c

Gold Band Plates at 20 cents

Brooms 75c, 90c and \$1.00

Good Laundry Soap at 5c bar

McINTOSH BROS.

A very interesting debate took place at Plainfield between Zion and Plainfield League in favor of Zion, 17-7.

Owing to the surprise party at Hollaway and the stormy night the League didn't meet last week.

Mr. James Reid is confined to the house with the flu, but we hope to see him around soon.

The Misses Blanche and Annie Silks of Belleville spent the week end at home.

Mr. Lorne Brough and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Wm. Ray.

Mr. Matthew Tummon had the misfortune to lose a horse one day last week.

Sorry to report that Mr. Ray Silks is on the sick list.

Glad to report that Mrs. Wellington Chapman is gaining.

Mrs. Ethel Emmerson of Crookston is spending a few days at Mr. M. Fummon's.

Mr. Albert Paradise is running a bus line from 8th of Thurlow to Belleville these days.

Wedding Bells are ringing in this locality.

Quite a number from here attended the sale at Foxboro on Tuesday last.

Successful Euchre Party

Four Hundred People Present at St. Michael's Function

Under the auspices of the ladies of St. Michael's congregation, a delightful progressive euchre party was held last evening at the St. Michael's Academy. About four hundred were in attendance. There were no less than 81 tables filled. Prizes in progressive euchre were won by ladies. 1st, Miss Margaret Kelleher, 2nd, Miss Blanche Gauthier, 3rd, Mrs. A. Goyer; gentlemen, 1st, Mr. William Milne, 2nd, Mr. Wm. Wright, 3rd, Mr. David Walsh. The prizes in "five hundred" were carried off by Mrs. G. Fitzgerald and Mr. F. V. Buckley. In bridge, the winners were Miss A. Hurley and Mr. John Perkins. At eleven o'clock refreshments were served and dancing followed until breaking up time. The function was in aid of the new hospital fund.

Obituary

MRS. GREGOR MERDICK

Mr. John Gillick, 18 North Front St., received a message this morning stating that his daughter, Katherine, wife of Mr. Gregor Merdick, of New York City, died there last

night. Mourning her loss there survive her parents, her husband, two brothers, Edward of Fort William, and John of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and five sisters, Mrs. T. Hubble, of Syracuse, Mrs. E. Taubman, New York, Mrs. E. M. Charlebois, of Clayton, Mrs. Alice Irish and Miss Anna Gillick at home. Mrs. Merdick was a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

The remains will be brought to Belleville. Funeral notice will appear later.

Belleville Defeats Picton

Easy Win For Locals at Arena Last Evening—Aura Lees on Wednesday.

Picton juniors were defeated here last night by the Belleville team and were eliminated in the round. A small crowd looked upon the game. The score was: Belleville 3, Picton 2. The first period ended 0-0. The second gave Belleville 6-0. Each team scored two goals in the last period. Mr. H. Sproule was the referee.

The round honors went to Belleville with 14 to 5.

Belleville tomorrow night will receive the Aura Lees of Toronto. A monster crowd is anticipated.

Last evening's game was rather ragged and slow. There was, of course, little inducement to play on the part of either team. The ice was in fine condition.

The lineup:

Belleville	Goal	Picton
Hullin	Right Defense	Campion
Weir	Left Defense	Carter
Beach	Centre	Tudhope
Swayne	Right Wing	Whatham
Coon	Left Wing	Canney
Canning	Substitutes	Currie
W. Holway		Grimbrod
A. Holway		Substitutes

Naphin Eckert is recovering from his fall in the barn, which might have proved fatal. We are glad to see him around again.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Parliament, M.P. and wife, spent the week end with friends in Picton.

Miss Grant spent Thursday night at Mrs. Ray Giles.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Spencer spent the week end with their daughter, Mrs. H. Kemp, Trenton.

Douglas Redner was home for over Sunday.

The revival services at Albury are well represented with the people from this appointment.

Mrs. D. W. Redner was not as yet fully recovered from a bad attack of the mumps.