

E. HASTINGS M.P. PASSES SUDDENLY

Thomas Thompson, Conservative M.P., Dies After Day's Illness.

Canadian Press Despatch, Belleville, May 17.—Thomas H. Thompson, member of parliament for East Hastings, died suddenly at his home in Madoc this morning, following an acute illness of less than a day. He was 58 years of age.

He collapsed early Saturday morning shortly after cranking his automobile, and it is believed he had strained his heart. He regained strength during the day, but towards midnight he became very weak, and died about five hours later.

The late Mr. Thompson, who was first elected to the House of Commons in 1917 in the Conservative interest, was in the cheese business for many years, first as a manufacturer and later as a buyer. He was formerly reeve of Madoc and warden of Hastings county and a director of the Eastern Ontario dairymen's association.

He was a past grand master of the Black Knights of Eastern Ontario and a Methodist. His widow and two daughters survive. The funeral will take place at Madoc on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

VACANCY IN HOUSE.

Canadian Press Despatch, Ottawa, May 17.—The death of Thomas H. Thompson, Conservative member of parliament for East Hastings, Ont., at Madoc today creates the second vacancy in the House of Commons. The other vacant seat is Campton, Que., where a by-election has been necessitated by the recent death of Aylmer B. Hunt, Liberal M.P.

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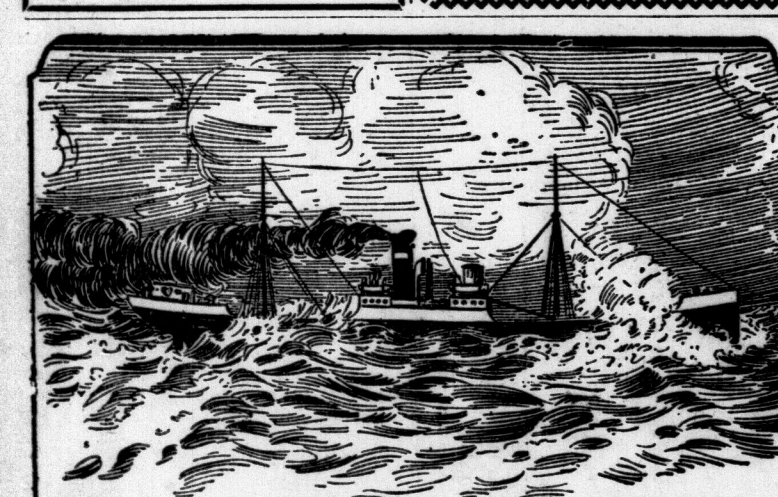
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BIASED JURISTS FIXED FRONTIERS OF ALASKA

Seems No Doubt President Roosevelt Took Matter Out of Hands of Secretary of State Hay, Says Sir Robert Falconer in Cambridge Address.

LATER EVEN SOUGHT TO INFLUENCE AWARD

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Cambridge, May 18.—Sir Robert Falconer lectured here today on the United States as a neighbor. He dealt specifically with the boundary settlements which have been made from time to time between Canada and the United States, and said that Canadians might well be thankful that the disputes which have arisen out of these settlements were today incidents of history, which rarely excited hostile comment on either side.

Sir Robert declared that Great Britain had acted with vigor and sagacity in pushing the claims of Canada. He commended Lord Ashburton for the part he took in fixing the boundary between Maine, New Brunswick and Quebec. Lord Ashburton had been unjustly blamed, he declared, but the balance of expert opinion was in his favor on the subject of the Maine boundary. The lecturer dealt with the Alaskan boundary settlement at some length and severely condemned Roosevelt for the action he took in the matter. The contemptuous tone of force that Roosevelt used in the settlement of the case in the settlement of the boundary between Maine, New Brunswick and Quebec, he said.

"The fixing of the boundaries began in 1783," said Sir Robert, outlining the history of the various settlements. "The work was not concluded until 1908, and though there were during the negotiations one or two instances of local uprising between the settlers on both sides of the line, the final issue was in no case due to a display of force. That such difficult matters should have been brought to a conclusion by reasonable negotiation is a great tribute to the character of those whose interests were concerned—albeit the greater because there are so few natural barriers as obstacles in the path of adventurers, who, in their haste to occupy tempting territory, interpret the indefinite to their own advantage. Human nature and the countries being what they are, it is remarkable that the peace was not broken; indeed, on one or two occasions, the issue was accepted because England was bound that frontier matters should not end in hostilities."

Ashburton Did Best.
The lecturer declared that the most fruitful cause of trouble was the ignorance or the carelessness of the original negotiators. This was particularly the case in the settlement of the boundary between Maine, New Brunswick and Quebec, he said.

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under the jealous eyes of two watchers," said Sir Robert. "The one, however, more alert than the other. By a convention in 1818 and again in 1827 the territory west of the Rockies was left free for joint occupancy by settlers and traders from Britain or the United States."

From 1821 onwards there began a continual flow of immigrants from the United States to the unclaimed land west of the Rockies. By 1845 the streams of immigration had broadened over the mountains; Americans to the number of 6,000 made their homes in the new territory and thus by actual possession then established for the United States a strong argument for ownership.

But, although American opinion had not been unanimous as to extending the jurisdiction of the United States beyond the Rockies, under Polk's electioneering cry of 1844 of "fifty-four or fight" the masses were worked up to such a pitch that when he became president he found he had raised a very difficult issue, for England also responded with ominous mutterings.

Fortunately wise council prevailed on both sides and negotiations were entered into in 1846, the decision of which was that the boundary should follow the 49th parallel from the Rockies to the middle of the channel which separates the continent from Vancouver's Island; and thence southerly through the middle of the channel and of Puca's strait to the Pacific coast.

Dispute Settled Opportunely.
The Columbia river was to be freely navigable by the servants of the Hudson Bay Company whose lands in this territory had been purchased by the United States at a proper valuation.

It was fortunate, said the lecturer, that the dispute was settled in 1846, for ten years later gold was discovered in the valley of the Fraser river, and a very large number of the mining miners were Americans. Had they urged the claim of occupation as they did in Oregon, Britain might have come off even worse than she did in the treaty of 1846.

The speaker gave an interesting resume of the Alaska boundary negotiations. "The Alaska boundary," he said, "which was finally determined in the year 1903 was the last of the great frontier disputes between the United States and Canada. Over 20 years have passed since the award was made, but though it is not much more than a memory Canadian still recall it as one in which they were outmanoeuvred in the process, whatever the judgment itself was."

Concluding his address, Sir Robert touched briefly upon the question of the development of the St. Lawrence waterway for ocean-going shipping and for the development of electric power.

If the project were carried out he thought it would be more significant for Canada than for the United States, but mutual cooperation and solution would bind the two countries in closer friendly relations.

CHURCH'S GROWTH TOLD BY M'INTOSH
Declares Disunion of 50 Years Ago Greater Than That of Today.

Fifty years of growth, development and progress of the Presbyterian church in Canada were reviewed yesterday by Rev. W. R. McIntosh, D.D., in King street Presbyterian church. It is exactly fifty years since the four Presbyterian churches in Canada united at a great meeting in Montreal and the general assembly had asked all ministers to tell their congregations of the result of fifty years of work some time during the present month.

Professor J. T. McNeil, Knox College, Toronto, has completed a book on this subject at the request of the general assembly, and Dr. McIntosh discussed it in his address.

"Fifty years ago there was far greater disunion among the four Presbyterian churches than there is now between the three churches, which are about to enter the union," said the minister. "If they were able to establish such a wonderful record of work and success in spite of their innumerable difficulties, there is every reason to hope that we shall have success and achieve the same and better results. In the days of the old union there were people who found fault with it on much the same grounds as exist today. Yet the union was an undoubted success and carried out the work it was intended to do."

"There are two extremes of attitude inimical to success in this union we are approaching, one is living in the past, the other is forgetting the past entirely. The new union is to be a progressive policy on the experience of the past. Nothing was ever built to last and achieve great things unless it was rooted in the past. Remember that progression means adaptation and change. Unless we are willing to change and adapt ourselves to new surroundings we shall surely perish. This is the universal law, and cannot be successfully opposed."

The sacred cantata, Ruth was performed in the evening by a specially augmented choir of forty, and Dr. McIntosh drew an analogy between the adventure of Ruth bravely setting out to achieve success in a new and wider life in new fields and the church today entering the great adventure of a new life in new and strange surroundings.

Ticket Man Ends 42 Years' Duty
Sarnia Patrons Will Miss Eby.

Special to The Advertiser. Sarnia, May 17.—Frank Eby, veteran ticket seller for the Port Huron and Sarnia Ferry Company, has resigned his position and will live a retired life after 42 years of service in the employ of the company. Although he will be 80 years old in July, Mr. Eby has been on the job every day, greeting the public and performing his business in a genial manner, and he will be missed by the regular patrons of the ferry line. He plans to retire from business duties entirely.

Explorers Crossed Rockies.
As early as 1818 a boundary was established between the two countries as far west as the Rocky Mountains. This boundary was the 49th parallel. For a decade the further extension of the boundary beyond the Rockies was not seriously discussed, but much was happening that was bound in time to produce trouble.

In 1829 an American named Gray entered the Columbia river, but shortly afterwards an English lieutenant explored it for a hundred miles and formally took possession of it in the name of Great Britain. In 1831 an American fur company established a fort at the mouth of the river, called after its founder, John Jacob Astor. On the outbreak of war in 1812 it was sold to the North West Company in order to prevent capture, but was restored on the declaration of peace.

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Associated Press Despatch. New York, May 17.—Clarence Darrow and Dudley Field Malone of New York, two of the most prominent lawyers in the United States, on Saturday telegraphed Judge John Randolph Neal at Knoxville, Tenn., proffering their services as defence counsel for Professor Scope, who is to be tried for teaching evolution in violation of the Tennessee law. The action was prompted, Mr. Malone said, by the offer of William Jennings Bryan to aid the prosecution.

Neglects Cash Fire Takes It
Strathroy Man Loses \$280 He Left in Waste Basket.

Special to The Advertiser. Strathroy, May 17.—Mr. Joe La Mantia, local fruit merchant, had an expensive accident last week. On Saturday evening late he placed his cash, some \$280, in an envelope and dropped the envelope into a waste-paper basket in his store for safe-keeping over the week-end.

He never thought of the money at any time while he was in the store during the first part of the week. When he went to get it the other morning he discovered, to his horror, that the contents of the basket had been burned by his clerk in tidying up.

About \$30 in silver was salvaged from the ashes, but the bills were a total loss.

PAYROLL MESSENGER WOUNDED IN HOLDUP
Paterson, N. J., May 17.—One silk mill payroll messenger was wounded by a bullet when two holdup men robbed him of a \$1,539 payroll in front of the Ramapo Silk Company plant on Ramapo avenue yesterday.

The bandits escaped with the money, according to police reports, and the wounded man, John Kelsey, was taken to the hospital.

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Province Seeks to Develop Hydro at Grand Falls.

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, May 17.—The international joint waterways commission, hearing the application of the prov-

ince of New Brunswick to develop hydro power at Grand Falls on the St. John river, adjourned Saturday morning until formal agreements have been completed between the government and the riparian land owners.

Announcement of verbal agreements with 90 per cent of the owners was made yesterday and confidence expressed that there would be no difficulty in making them formal.

If the anticipated progress is made the commission will dispose of the application of the New Brunswick government in about 30 days, Chairman C. A. Magrath said.

BRITISH COLUMBIA WARNED OF FOREST FIRE HAZARD

Canadian Press Despatch. Victoria, B.C., May 17.—Dry, hot weather throughout the province has resulted in forest fires increasing rapidly during the week, with the total reported today at 179.

This total, so far, however, is less than last year's record, which on the corresponding date was 365 fires, and in 1923 there had been 193 fires.

Warning was sent out today by the chief forester that conditions in every part of the province are hazardous for forest fires.