

a very keen contest. In 1861 Dr. Connor was re-elected. His death in 1862 caused a vacancy in the constituency. The Sandfield McDonald-Sicotte Government was then in power. The supporters of that government selected Mr. Bodwell as the Liberal candidate for the vacancy in Oxford, whilst a wing of the Liberal party and the Conservatives pitched upon the late Hon. George Brown as their standard bearer. The contest was a keen, close one, resulting in a victory for Mr. Brown, who held the seat until the general election in 1867, when Mr. Bodwell was elected by acclamation. In 1872 Mr. Bodwell was again re-elected by acclamation. His constituency at this period contained 21,675 voters. The Pacific Scandal affair in 1873 resulted in another general election in 1874, when Mr. Bodwell was opposed by Dr. Thrall, Conservative, but the veteran Liberal again carried the constituency by a vote of 981 against 223. In 1875 Mr. Bodwell received the appointment of Superintendent of the Welland Canal, which position he occupied until 1879, when he was transferred to British Columbia as accountant for the Dominion Government in connection with the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the administration of Dominion lands under Sir Joseph Trutch. His headquarters were in Victoria till 1887, when he removed to Vancouver where he had invested largely in property. By the citizens of Vancouver he was regarded as an acquisition to the community, and efforts were made to induce him to allow of his name being put in nomination for the mayoralty of the city for 1888, and again for 1889. Notwithstanding the fact that on each occasion the other candidates offered to retire, and thus put him in by acclamation, Mr. Bodwell refused the proffered honor. As a private citizen, however, he did a great deal for Vancouver, and his advice on questions of importance affecting the city was always freely given, and almost invariably acted on. He was a member of the Board of Trade, and at the time of his death was president of that institution. He was a prominent member of the Baptist denomination. During the latter years of his life Mr. Bodwell's health was very poor, and it was while in search of a change of air that he died. He was on a pleasure excursion with Mr. R. Marpole, superintendent of the Pacific division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and while at Morely, N. W. T., on the evening of October 18th, he passed quietly away.