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CALLED ON CHRISTMAS

Hon. Raymond Prefontaine Dies Suddenly at Paris.

Angina Pectoris Caused Death of Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries—Body Will Be Brought to Montreal, Que.—Sketch of His Life Shows He Entered National Politics as Member of Hochelaga County.

Paris, Dec. 26.—Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries, died suddenly at 9 o'clock last night. The cause of his death was angina pectoris.

Mr. Prefontaine, accompanied by Randolph Lemieux, the Canadian Solicitor-General, came to France a couple of weeks ago from London, in connection, it is said, with the establishment of a line of steamers between Marseilles and Canadian ports.

Soon after his arrival in Paris, the Minister complained that he was suf-



HON. RAYMOND PREFONTAINE.

fering from heart trouble, but he continued to fill his engagements.

During the progress of a banquet given in his honor Dec. 21, he was seen to be suffering acutely, but this at the time was attributed to emotion while replying to a toast to his health.

The Minister on Saturday visited Lille and Dunkirk, but on returning to the Hotel Continental here, he was compelled to take his bed, and a physician was sent for. The latter pronounced Mr. Prefontaine's illness to be serious, and a specialist was called into consultation. Complete rest was advised, and all engagements were cancelled.

At 8 o'clock last night the administration of medicine was followed by a choking sensation. The last sacraments were administered and death followed immediately.

The British Minister, Sir Francis Bertie, was notified by Minister Lemieux, and arrangements for the funeral of the Minister were at once begun.

The body will be taken to Montreal, Que., for interment.

Hon. Mr. Prefontaine came here from London, where he was negotiating with the Imperial authorities concerning the establishment of a naval militia in Canada, a subject in which he was deeply interested. A few days ago he was quoted as saying that the change in Government in Britain had delayed his plans, but that he was assured that the new Government was quite sympathetic with his designs.

Sketch of His Life.

The Hon. Joseph Raymond Fourier Prefontaine has long been an active figure in municipal, provincial and federal politics. He was born at Longueuil, Chamby, County of Quebec, Sept. 16, 1850. His family was of ancient descent, his ancestors having made their home in what was then New France in 1600. He was educated privately at St. Mary's College, Montreal, and finally at McGill University, where he took the degree of B. C. L. in 1872. In the same year he was called to the bar, where his rise was rapid.

Mr. Prefontaine possessed unusual ability and forensic skill, and his firm of Prefontaine, Archer and Perron enjoyed one of the largest practices in Montreal. In 1893 he was created Queen's counsel.

First Sat For Chamby.

In 1875 he made his first appearance as Liberal candidate for the Quebec Legislature in his native district of Chamby, and, in spite of considerable odds, was successful. In the Legislature he made his mark, but on offering himself for re-election in 1878, was defeated. His opponent, however, was unseated. In 1879 Mr. Prefontaine was again successful, but again was defeated in 1881. During the period he interested himself in municipal life, and in 1879 was elected a councillor of Hochelaga, at that time the principal east end suburb of Montreal. His policy in municipal affairs was progressive, and he worked strenuously on behalf of the citizens. He supported the annexation of that town to the City of Montreal, and the union was completed in 1884. For some years before he had acted as mayor of Hochelaga, and was returned to the ward as alderman to the City Council. He sat continuously until 1898, when he was elected mayor by acclamation, re-elected in 1900 by a large majority. He withdrew voluntarily in 1902, although nominated for re-election. He also acted on the Board of School Commissioners, to which he was elected in 1886.

In National Politics.

M. Prefontaine's appearance in the field of national politics was made under circumstances of peculiar interest. After the Northwest Rebellion, an election occurred in Hochelaga County, which had been arranged by the late Sir John A. Macdonald, apparently to test the strength of the parties. The Liberal candidate was M. Prefontaine, and the election became of national importance. He won a decisive victory.

He was re-elected in 1887 and 1890, and, in 1896, became first member for the new constituency of Maisonneuve by a majority of 1,570, which was increased in 1900 to 1,774. In the latter year he was also Liberal candi-

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date in Terrebonne, and was elected for that constituency also.

On the re-constitution of the Laurier Cabinet, brought about by the resignation of H. R. J. Tarte in November, 1902, Mr. Prefontaine was appointed Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and has since held that portfolio.

M. Prefontaine married in June, 1876, a daughter of the late Senator J. B. Rolland, by whom he had three sons, Rolland, Adrien and Fernand. He was on the directorate of the Confederation Life Assurance Co., the Montreal and Improvement Co., and other important concerns.

Interviewed in Paris.

A few weeks ago, M. Prefontaine, accompanied by Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, went over to London, and from thence to Paris. It was but Saturday that he was interviewed in the French capital, and quite approved of the entire cordiale between France and England, and expressed the opinion that the new Premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, would be defeated at the coming election if he did not back it up.

"As Canadians are loyal to the crown," both M. Prefontaine and his colleague remarked, "We think that no better course could be adopted."

M. Prefontaine has been a consistent advocate of unity between the French and English-speaking populations of Canada.

Cabinet Meeting Called.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The news of the death of Hon. Mr. Prefontaine came as a painful shock. The first official notification was a cable received by Sir Wilfrid Laurier about 8 o'clock. It was from Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, but contained nothing but the bare announcement of the death and said details would be forwarded later. Up to a late hour last night no additional information had been received.

On receipt of the cable the Prime Minister immediately notified the various Cabinet Ministers and called a Cabinet meeting to arrange to bring the body home.

The sad news spread very rapidly and the Premier and Cabinet Ministers were besieged with inquiries.

Consternation and Sorrow.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—The news that Hon. Mr. Prefontaine had died suddenly in Paris caused consternation amongst his many friends, in both party camps here, as well as deep sorrow. Raymond Prefontaine is perhaps the best-known man in Montreal, and, unlike other strong party men, had no personal enemies. From alderman to mayor he had worked up a strong following and when he entered the Federal Cabinet his municipal friends, irrespective of party name, were then his adherents. While no other Liberal could poll a big majority in Maisonneuve, the Minister of Marine could always count on two thousand majority at least, the English-speaking electors voting for him to a man.

Approved South African War.

He especially won the confidence of the extreme loyalists when he at once advocated sending soldiers to fight for the Empire in South Africa, and at the same time he held the French-Canadian masses in the hollow of his hand.

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TILBURY NOMINATIONS

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For Reeve—W. C. Crawford, by acclamation.

For Councilors—Jos. Wilson, Thos. Anderson, J. H. Magee, A. H. Roszell, Chas. Clark, F. E. Nelles, C. G. Albraith, B. Richardson, Geo. Chalmers, Wm. Hutton, Wm. Weldon, E. Giroux, C. A. Powell, J. B. Marchand, Wm. Lumley, M. Mifflin, R. P. Adams, John Cowley, H. Bengelot and Wm. A. Johnson. A number of the above withdrew, and further withdrawals are expected to-morrow.

There were several nominations for Public school trustees, but the withdrawals are expected to elect a board by acclamation.

TILBURY EAST.

For Reeve—David Fletcher, P. W. Richards and Wm. Doyle.

For Councilors—H. Cowan, Wm. McGregor, S. Warnock, Alex. Graham, J. A. Fletcher, Fred. Denison, N. Shepley, Wm. Barry.

CHATHAM TOWNSHIP NOMINATIONS

Following are the municipal nominations for Chatham Township:—

Reeve.

Hugh Cumming; moved by Arthur Stewart, seconded by Chas. Agar. Resigned.

Wm. Abraham; moved by John Agar, seconded by John Burns, Sr. A. J. Templeton; moved by Guy Purdie, seconded by S. J. Harper. Councillor.

J. S. Harper; moved by Wm. Abraham, seconded by Wm. George. Adam Irwin; moved by Theodore McKerrall, seconded by Chas. Agar. Wm. Wiggins; moved by Adam Irwin, seconded by John Burns, Jr. Ben. Agar; moved by Wm. Robertson, seconded by George Oliver. Resigned.

Wm. George; moved by Theo. McKerrall, seconded by Chas. Agar. Resigned.

L. J. Stephens; moved by George Brown, seconded by Chas. Agar. Fred Collins; moved by Arthur Stewart, seconded by Thos. Griffith. Resigned.

R. A. Thopkins; moved by Fred Collins, seconded by J. L. Colby. George Brown; moved by John A. Fisher, seconded by Aaron Coulter. John Cormode; moved by Geo. Gallagher, seconded by Wm. Graham. Resigned.

There is only one member of the old Council in the field, except both candidates for reeve.

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