

The Weekly Monitor.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1894.

On Wednesday last the telegraphic wire brought from across the ocean a brief message which sent a thrill of horror throughout Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific. This was no less than a message from London and wholly unexpected death of Sir John Thompson, premier of Canada, which had occurred at Windsor Castle, the residence of Her Majesty, whether he had gone this morning, to be sworn a member of the Privy Council of Great Britain.

This news was all the more startling and difficult to believe inasmuch as it was very generally thought that he was in the enjoyment of perfect health. This, it is now very, was far from being correct, as it is now known that for nearly a year he has been afflicted from some form of kidney disease, and had been warned by his physician that his life depended upon his seeking rest, and relieving himself from the cares and anxieties of his arduous and responsible position. It was largely with this object in view that he undertook the trip which terminated so suddenly on Wednesday morning last.

Sir John Thompson was a man of whom Nova Scotians had reason to be proud. Without any special advantages over those of the average youth throughout our land, he, by his own industry, perseverance and genius, had worked his way up, until he occupied the very highest position open to a citizen of the Dominion. In the negotiation of the Hayard-Chamberlain treaty at Washington, and as a member of the Hehring Sea Tribunal of Arbitration at Paris, he came into contact with the ablest men of the age, and in both these, as well as in all other difficult and responsible positions he has occupied, he only proved himself the peer in every respect of the best men of our lands. And although living at a time when the air was filled with scandals, and charges of corruption were freely hurled at nearly every man in public life in the Dominion, no breath of suspicion has ever been attached to his name. Now that he is gone, liberals and conservatives alike unite in pronouncing eulogies upon his name. Even Dalton McCarthy, who is believed to have been jealous of him while living, now pronounces him "a statesman of the very highest order, unexcelled in that capacity by any man whom I have had knowledge of in my public experience."

As the news of his death came just after our paper was issued last week, and as so much has been said and written of his life and labors since that time, we deem it unnecessary to sketch at this late date any extended details of his life. We give below the remarks of the premier of the Dominion, made at a public meeting in the Town Hall, in the presence of the Board of Trade in opening the session of that body, called to pass resolution suitable to the occasion, soon after the news of his death was received. They express, in a few words, the substance of much that has appeared in the press of our distinguished fellow-countryman.

"We are face to face to-day," he began, "with a great calamity in the Dominion, the removal by death of the right hon. Sir John Thompson, late premier of the Dominion. When the terrible news was flashed across the ocean that he had suddenly passed away in Windsor Castle, I was so shocked that I fled through the Dominion. The circumstances connected with his removal were tragic in the extreme. Called by his country to take up his residence in Ottawa, he was about to set out for his post on Monday, and he to-day mourns our irreparable loss. That the late Sir John was a man, few will be disposed to question, for this seems to be universal testimony, even from those who were opposed to him in politics. That he was a good man I am sure, and that he was not only a great politician, but a great statesman, I am fully convinced. I have met him in the council chamber, in his private office, and amidst his family, and while gentle and unassuming, he impressed me as a man of quiet power. The world seems to have recognized his great ability and his worth for testimonies to this effect are pouring in from all quarters, both in the old lands and in the new, and are being laid upon his table, and are being called together to-day to add our testimony and to send our message of condolence to the bereaved family, and I am sure that this will be done lovingly and with the best wishes for the success of the mission. Our beloved country, herself full of sympathy and kindliness, has been wheeled in her chair alongside his, and has placed on it with her own loyal hand her token of loving affection—God bless her for it—and has sent her message of condolence and sympathy to the bereaved family, and it remains for you the mercantile representatives of the chief city of the Dominion not to be behind other places in your message of kindness and sympathy to the high regards. Resolutions have been prepared by a committee of the council, and will be submitted to you, and spoken to by gentlemen well qualified for the duty, and I am sure they will arise to the occasion. Gentlemen, we are not here to act as conservatives nor as liberals, but as men and as brothers, and I trust the resolutions will be passed unanimously, by the uplifted right hand and in silence, in view of the solemnity of the occasion."

The other resolution read as follows: "That in the opinion of this board it is the duty of the people of Canada to send to the widow and family of the late premier, who devote his splendid powers for so many years to the services of his country, should not be permitted to suffer pecuniarily by his death, and, therefore, that this board heartily endorses the proposal for a national subscription on their behalf.

The state funeral of the late Sir John Thompson will take place at Halifax in the closing days of the year. The remains will be conveyed in the *Blanchie*, the flag ship of the Channel Squadron, the crack squadron of the British Navy. The British government bears the expense. The honours bestowed are the most pronounced of any which have ever been accorded any statesman in the history of modern times. The government of Great Britain has done everything possible to honor the illustrious dead."

BEFORE the next issue of the MONITOR reaches its many readers the Christmas holidays will be fully upon us, and the anniversary of the birth of the Saviour of all mankind will have passed. We trust that the glad tidings of "peace on earth and good will to all men" will be recognized in a becoming manner and with a Christian spirit of thankfulness for the many blessings vouchsafed to us during the year now drawing to a close. Probably there is not another nation on the face of the globe who are any better circumstanced than the inhabitants of the Dominion of Canada. The abundant harvest of the past season and the general prosperity enjoyed by our people should be fully acknowledged in songs of praise to Him "who doeth all things well." Let us all bear in mind the scriptural command "that God loveth a cheerful giver," and let those who have been blessed with an abundance of this world's goods remember their less fortunate fellow-mortals during this merry Christmas-time, and then send forth their willing hearts to perform such noble acts of charity and benevolence as their means will justify.

In consideration of the extended patronage enjoyed by the *Monitor* during the past history, and more particularly for the increased tokens of support which have fallen so bountifully to our lot during the past year, we wish our readers, men and women, north, south, east and west, "A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year."

Municipal elections were held in twenty of the thirty-one cities in Massachusetts on Tuesday. In most instances the Democrats polled. The Republicans made large gains, and in several instances to the endorsement of its candidates by the A. P. A. In a number of cities the A. P. A. succeeded in electing their candidates to the school committees and individual members of the city government.

Local and Other Matter.

"After us the deluge." This seems to have been the guiding principle of the present generation of politicians in the island of Newfoundland. For the past few years her public men appear to have wholly lost their heads. Enormous sums of money have been borrowed, was railway enterprises and other public works projected, and obligations undertaken in other ways wholly out of proportion to the population and material resources of the colony. Now the deluge is upon us, and the government is in a very precarious position. The banks, and most of the leading business houses have failed, the credit of even the government itself appears to have become exhausted, thousands of people are out of employment without the means of livelihood, and want and ruin reign supreme in the island. This is surely a logical and fitting termination to the career of profligacy and corruption which has characterized the colony for the past few years.

The question of the island's future is now being anxiously considered by the home government. Whatever may be the outcome of the present crash we trust that union with the Dominion will not be the result. A people who have proved their unfitness for self-government, as those of Newfoundland certainly have, should not complain if relegated to the position of a crown colony once more. Canada surely has no use for such a people.

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New Advertisements.

STRAYED. Strayed from the premises of the subscriber during the summer, 10 sheep and 12 lambs; mark square notch on the top of the right ear and the bottom of the left. Any person giving information which will lead to the recovery of the same will be suitably rewarded. ARTHUR T. MORSE, 811 Bridge-st., Dec. 17th, 1894.

FOR THE Xmas Table! Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Chickens, Beef, Pork, Fish and Vegetables.

SHERIFF'S SALE! TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION by the High Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, at the premises of WALLACE B. WOODRUY, on Thursday, 20th of December, 1894, at 2 o'clock, p.m. the following property, viz: 1 Express Wagon, 1 Mare, 2 Pigs, 1 Covered Wagon, 1 Silver Mounted Harness, 1 Stevedore's Extension Tackle for 15 Tons of Hay. TERMS: Cash. J. AVARD MORSE, High Sheriff, 811

IRON TOYS Wooden Toys Tin Toys Port Folios Writing Desks Dressing Cases Wall Brackets and other Attractive Novelties AT MCCORMICK'S AT AND BELL-CORNER.

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Carpets! Carpets! As is our usual custom in the Fall, we now offer SPECIAL DISCOUNTS on the balance of our stock of Carpets in order to clear them out before placing our order with the English manufacturers for spring stock. A Dollar Carpet can be bought for 75 cents, and all other lines in proportion.

Customers are already aware that it is always a pleasure for us to have the opportunity to show goods, even if only for comparison. Mantle, Ready-made Clothing, Hat and Cap, Carpet and Curtain, and Staple Goods Departments on second floor.

Just Arrived this week per Ocean Steamer "Carthagenian," LADIES' FALL AND WINTER UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY. Having had grand success in the past in our efforts to supply the trade with the best UNDERWEAR procurable, we have been encouraged to buy very largely this season of a class and variety that we feel confident the Ladies will appreciate, especially as the prices do not exceed those of ordinary Goods. To this end we will be pleased to show the merits of the different makes and qualities.

J. W. BECKWITH & SON. We are opening new lines of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods daily. Also our third repeat order of LADIES' FUR CAPES AND JACKETS! The fact that we have doubled our sale of Furs this fall goes to show that the price and quality of the goods must be right.

We are showing this week A Large Line of Celluloid Goods, Moon Mirrors, Albums, PHOTO AUTOGRAPH, Silver Ink Stands, Jewel Cases, Silk Handkerchiefs, Fancy Slippers, Chestnut Xmas Cards, and other Goods for the Christmas Trade.

NOT SOMETHING FOR NOTHING BUT SIMPLY THAT WE DEFY COMPETITION IN THE TAILORING LINE Besides having a First-Class Stock of CLOTHS and TRIMMINGS I have the Celebrated "Tyke" Serge. It is a cloth of the highest character and especially sound colors. The Black is a direct Black, and the Blue is the best India.

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THE BRIDGETOWN IMPORTING HOUSE! September days inevitably suggest the purchase of Autumn and Winter supplies both for dress purposes and household use. You buy and use Dry Goods; we buy and sell them. You buy the goods for as little as you can to use; we buy the best for as little as we can to sell, and we can do so buy for less, because there is scarcely a limit to quantity, and we always buy from headquarters, thus saving the customer the middle profit to a great extent.

Sq much for argument. Now to prove it. We have just opened and placed on sale the choicest and best lot of Fine Imported Dress Woolens

We ever brought to this country, to which we invite your critical attention as to style, coloring, and price. It is a vast range, from 22c. to \$1.50 a yard, but would confidently lay great stress on the superior merit of the lines at 22c. to \$1.00 a yard. We send samples free to any address, and do it willingly. We have a perfect system, and send goods all over the country.

TAILOR-MADE JACKETS, DIRECT FROM GERMANY. In our Mantle Department will be found the largest assortment, in the most correct styles and newest materials, ranging in price from \$2.50 to \$22.00, all of which are perfect styles and fits. Having only one of each style in the best quality those who call early will get first choice.

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