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MURPHY'S DEATH.

A Grand Old Irish Catholic Gone.

Breathed His Last in St. Patrick's Presbytery—A Strong Advocate of Temperance—Sketch of His Busy and Useful Life—An Account of the Closing Scene—A Director of "The True Witness"—The Funeral on Monday—Tributes From All Sides.

Sad news flashed through the city on Thursday morning last; it was the sudden and unexpected death of the Honorable Senator Edward Murphy.

The circumstances surrounding the demise were distressing. Shortly after nine o'clock, Senator Murphy left his residence, on Dorchester street, at the corner of St. Genevieve, to walk down to his office on St. Paul street, at Messrs. Frothingham & Workman's, which he had been in the habit of doing for nearly half a century past. Mr. A. F. Gaul, accompanied him a portion of the way, but they separated just shortly before the sad event took place.

Hon. Mr. Murphy was proceeding slowly along Dorchester street, and was within about fifteen yards of St. Patrick's Presbytery, when he was noticed to stagger a little and lean against the fence for support. Several gentlemen who were passing to their business, and a number of carters on the corner of Phillips square, noticed his feeble walking and apparent illness. They were on the alert in case he should require any assistance. After resting for a few moments, Senator Murphy again attempted to proceed on his way. But a few feeble steps were taken, however, when he was noticed to reel and then fall to the sidewalk.

A number of people were immediately on the scene, and it was at once apparent that Mr. Murphy was in a dying condition. He was carried into St. Patrick's Presbytery by one of the beadles of the church and a carter from the stand. He was placed, for the time being, on a hurriedly prepared lounge, in the office, and from there, a few moments later, he was laid upon the bed in which the late Mgr. O'Brien died a short time ago.

The Rev. Fathers Quinlivan and Toupin were in the Presbytery at the time, and everything that was possible was done by them. Sir William Hingston and Dr. J. A. Macdonald were hurriedly summoned, but arrived too late, for he had already passed away. From the moment when he was first taken ill, scarcely fifteen minutes elapsed before the end came. In that time there was but a faint glimmer of consciousness, and nothing more. Not a word did he utter from the time he was stricken down. The Rev. Father Quinlivan administered the last sacraments to the dying man.

When the physicians arrived upon the scene, they attributed death to the failure of the heart. About half an hour after death, the remains were conveyed to the family residence, No. 836 Dorchester street, where the scene was most affecting. Mrs. Murphy and the family had been informed of the death a few minutes after its taking place. It was a great shock to them, and they are assured of the sincere sympathy of all in their sad bereavement. A large number of friends called at the house during the day to enquire after Mrs. Murphy and express their sympathy with the family.

Mr. Murphy was twice married, first to Elizabeth, daughter of the late Thomas McBride and Mary Price, of Dublin, Ireland, by whom he had two daughters who are now living. He married secondly Maria Georgina, daughter of the late Hon. Judge Power of the Superior Court, Quebec, and of Susan de Gaspé, his wife (daughter of Philip Aubert de Gaspé, Seigneur of St. Jean Port Joly). By this marriage there were born one son and two daughters, all living.

His eldest daughter married Mr. E. Cornwallis Monk, son of the late Hon. S. Cornwallis Monk, one of the Judges of the Court of Appeal for the Province of Quebec. His second daughter is Mrs. Lemesurier, wife of Mr. W. G. Lemesurier, of the well-known firm of W. G. & G. G. Lemesurier, importers of Indian teas. The three children by the second wife are Mr. William S. Murphy, Miss Grace Murphy and Miss Amy Murphy.

Immediately on learning of the death, the offices and warehouses of Messrs. Frothingham & Workman, in which the deceased had been a partner for some thirty-six years, were closed, and remained so until after the funeral.

A BUSY AND USEFUL LIFE.

Edward Murphy was born on July 26, 1818, in the County Carlow, Ireland, and came to Montreal, with his parents, in 1824. He was sent to school at Esson's Academy, and at the age of 14 years, commenced his business life, which was destined to be so prosperous, as a clerk in a hardware store. After 14 years of steady application to work, he rose to the responsible position of chief salesman in the noted house of Frothingham & Workman, wholesale hardware merchants. In 1859, he was made a partner in the business, and, for years, assisted

in advancing the firm to its present high standing. He retained his connection with the firm up to the time of his death.

Business affairs did not alone occupy his attention, for he always took a deep and active interest in philanthropic affairs, the temperance movement, and the political concerns of his adopted country. He was one of the prime movers in the establishment of the first Irish Catholic temperance society in Canada. Rev. Father Phelan, afterwards Bishop of Kingston, was, in 1840, pastor of the old Recollet Church, the worshipping place of the Irish people, now only a memory, for it has been demolished, and commercial blocks cover the ground whereon it stood. By this pastor's work, the temperance society was formed, Mr. Murphy being an active member, and, in 1841, he was elected secretary, which office he filled until 1862. In this year the society presented him with a complimentary address and a massive silver jug, in recognition of his services.

He was several times president of St. Patrick's T.A. & B. Society, and held this position at the time of his death. In the year 1844, the society presented him with a life-size portrait of himself, done in oils, to show their appreciation of his devoted labors, and his worth. He cherished the traditions of his native land, and was always an active promoter of whatever he deemed was for its good.

He was a staunch Catholic, but a man of wide tolerance in his views. In 1842, he assisted in the formation of the original St. Patrick's Society, which was composed of Catholics and Protestants alike, and which loyally celebrated St. Patrick's Day. The late Benjamin Holmes was its first president, and among its members were such men as the late William Workman and Sir Francis Hincks. Mr. Murphy was elected President in 1860.

He also took an interest in the militia, and was made a captain in the 4th battalion. He was Commissioner of the Census for Montreal in 1861. In 1862 he re-visited Ireland. In 1877 he was elected president of the City and District Savings Bank, of which he had long been a director. He participated in the meetings of the Natural History Society, and the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society, and has held office in both. He was a life governor of the Montreal General and the Notre Dame Hospitals. He has held the position of Catholic School Commissioner, and, in every way possible, encouraged educational progress in the city, giving the "Edward Murphy prize" in perpetuity, for the encouragement of commercial education. It consists of a gold medal of the value of \$50 and cash to the same amount.

In 1879, he was appointed a Harbor Commissioner, a position which he held up to the time of his death. This makes the second death in the ranks of the Harbor Board within a short period. Mr. Murphy was a Liberal-Conservative in politics, and, on the death of the late Hon. Thomas Ryan was appointed to the Canadian Senate, on May 13, 1885. He also held a commission as Justice of the Peace.

His name was intimately connected with St. Patrick's Church, and, in 1882, the ecclesiastical authorities raised him to the dignity of Chevalier of the Sacred and Military Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

Since the formation of the present company, Senator Murphy has been one of the directors of THE TRUE WITNESS. It was only on the Tuesday previous to his death that he attended a meeting of the Board in our offices, and then he seemed full of hope for the future, and expressed his oft-repeated opinion, that a Catholic paper was absolutely necessary for the future of our people.

Mr. Murphy's family claimed a lineage descended from Donal Mor O'Murphy, a chieftain of power in the now County of Wexford, Ireland, in the time of Henry VIII. The family is related to the Sarsfields, the O'Byrnes, the Kavanaghs, and other families in Wicklow, Wexford and Carlow. His father, Daniel Murphy, was engaged in business in Ireland as a corn factor. He came to Canada in 1824, and died here in 1846. The mother of the deceased was a daughter of Peter Byrne, of the County Carlow.

On July 26 last, Mr. Murphy celebrated his 77th birthday, and many were the congratulations he received from all over the country. He had seen Montreal grow from a small town to a great seaport city, and interesting indeed were his reminiscences of the early days of the city, the street now obliterated or entirely changed, and the people, who have long since passed away.

In Mr. Murphy's boyhood days—away back, say in 1830—boys walked miles to school. Mr. Murphy—or rather young Ned Murphy, for that is how the boys knew him in those days—came all the way from the Foxsyth Farm where his father lived to Dr. Esson's school. The Foxsyth Farm was where the Montreal Gas Works are, in Hochelaga Ward. Dr. Esson's school was on Bonsecours street, not far from the Bonsecours market of to-day. According to maps and measurements, that is the better part of two miles. As it then was, and especially in winter, it must have seemed many miles. But school must be had; and the Murphy boys went to school, and ate their cold lunch between the morning and the afternoon sessions, and enjoyed it. Now, a school boy has only to walk a few blocks, and may have a hot lunch served to him, if he so desires.

the Craig street main sewer. The civic engineers had sense enough to utilize what nature had already done. Craig street was at times fearful with smells when the water in the creek was low. When the cholera broke out in 1832 and 1834, it was desperate agony for hundreds of poor folk. Men went to their work in the morning and to their graves before night. The order then was, "bury the dead at once—lest the disease should spread." These were terrible days in Montreal, but Mr. Murphy saw the middle of a brighter era. The city has been extended over what were in his day fields, the streets have been well paved and lighted, magnificent churches have replaced the humble structures of those days, and the people have prospered in many ways.

Monk grandchildren; a wreath from his nephew and nieces, the Masters Le Mesurier, chrysanthemums; the City and District Savings Bank, a cross; St. Patrick's T.A. & B. Society, of which Senator Murphy was president, a cross and pillow; the Natural History Society, a Star; an anchor from the Microscopical Society; a pillow from the Catholic Commercial Academy; Mrs. Wurtele, chrysanthemums and roses; Mrs. E. Archibald, Dougall, roses; Miss McCallum, roses; Miss Stone, violets; Mrs. E. Archibald, violets; Mr. Geo. Claxton, roses; Mrs. McFarlane, roses and violets; Mrs. R. L. Gault, cross; Mrs. Whitney, scythe; Miss O'Brien, cross; Mrs. Wake, wreath; Mr. J. H. Stiles, wreath; Mr. Louis Amos, wreath; Mr. Hector Provost, cross; Mrs. Rea, anchor; Mr. W. H. Beatty, Toronto.



THE LATE HON. SENATOR MURPHY.

THE SOLEMN OBSEQUIES.

Services Held in St. Patrick's Church. The funeral, which was one of the most imposing seen for years in Montreal, took place, as announced, on Monday morning, at nine o'clock.

The family were on all hands the object of every mark of sympathy in their deep affliction. The cortege formed on Dorchester street and proceeded by Beaver Hall Hill and Lagache street to St. Patrick's Church. The funeral procession was opened by the orphans of St. Patrick's Orphan's Home, and the school boys of Prof. Anderson's and various other schools. Then came a sleigh heavily laden with the floral offerings and next the hearse. There were no pall-bearers.

The chief mourners included the late senator's son, Mr. W. S. Murphy; his brothers, Messrs. P. S. and P. A. Murphy; Masters Aubrey and Wemy Monk; Andrew Stuart and George Le Mesurier; grandsons; W. G. Le Mesurier, son-in-law; E. A. Murphy, nephew; A. A. Meillette, W. H. Beatty, A. De Gaspé, A. Fache, Aug. Power, L. Terroux, F. Hopkins, C. D. Monk, Dr. McCarthy, Hon. John Sharples, of Quebec, and other relatives and friends. Then came the Premier, Sir Mackenzie Bowell; Sir A. P. Caron, Postmaster General, and Hon. J. A. Ouimet, Minister of Public Works, representing the Dominion Government. The Local Government was represented by Hon. Louis Beaudin, Commissioner of Agriculture. The procession was so long that the head had almost reached the church and the rear end was only leaving the house. In the long line were noticed representatives of all the public bodies, the various Irish Catholic national and temperance societies and other societies with which the deceased had been connected. The members of the St. Patrick's T.A. & B. Society, of which the deceased was president, walked in a body with society badges covered with crepe.

Laval University was represented by a number of its professors and a large number of students; the staff of the City and District Savings Bank, of which the deceased was president; the Roman Catholic School Board, the professors of the Catholic Commercial Academy and other Catholic schools, of which Mr. Murphy had been a benefactor; the employees of the firm of Frothingham & Workman were all in line. Mayor Villeneuve, Ald. Stevenson, McBride and Connaughton represented the City Council; Laval University, of which the Senator was a governor, was represented by Rev. Canon Racicot, vice-rector; Rev. Abbe Leacock, dean of the faculty of theology; Rev. Abbe Schloeking, of the faculty of arts; Mr. Justice Jette, dean of the law faculty, and Drs. Mignault and Lachapelle, M.P.'s, of the medical faculty. Among the administrators and governors of the University were: Sir William Hingston, Mr. Jam's O'Brien, ex-Mayor, Jacques Grenier, Senator Desjardins, Judge Piquet.

The floral tributes included a large pillow with the words "Father" from the children; heart of roses from the

cross; Mr. C. D. Monk, cross; Mr. W. G. Le Mesurier, cross; Mme. Meillette, wreath; Dr. McCarthy, cross; Mr. and Mrs. Misses Ducharme, a cross; Dr. and Mrs. McCallum, crown; Miss Aron, crown of ivy and violets; Mrs. R. L. Masson, a wreath.

The services at St. Patrick's, every seat of which was occupied, were of a most impressive character. The sacred edifice was heavily draped in mourning. The remains, on arriving at the main entrance, were received by the clergy in surplices. Rev. Father Quinlivan, parish priest, performed the levee du corps and the casket was placed on a heavily draped catafalque in the centre of the church, and which was covered with flowers. Rev. Father Toupin, the venerable confessor of the deceased, officiated at the Mass for the dead, assisted by Revs. Martin and James Callaghan, as deacon and sub-deacon. In the sanctuary were Rev. Abbe Collin, Superior of the Seminary; Rev. Father Hudon, S.J., rector of the Jesuits; Rev. Canon Racicot, vice-dean of Laval; Rev. Father Turgeon, S. J.; Rev. Father Devine, S. J.; Rev. James S. Lomeran, P. P. of St. George; Rev. P. P. O'Donnell, P. P. of St. Mary's; Rev. John E. Donnelly, P. P. of St. Anthony's; Rev. Abbe Payette, of Laval; Rev. G. Godts, of St. Ann's Church; Rev. Abbe Sorin, P.S., Rev. Father McGarry, Superior of the St. Laurent College. His Grace the Archbishop was unable to be present, being at present following his annual retreat.

The choir sang in an admirable manner the different portions of the service. Mr. J. J. Rowan sang Stradella's "Lord, Have Mercy," at the offertory. Professor Fowler played Chopin's "Funeral March" between the Mass, and the "Libera" and Beethoven's at the end of the service. After the service the cortege re-formed and proceeded to Cote des Neiges cemetery, where the interment will take place in the family plot.

Tribute from the Pulpit.

On Sunday last Rev. Father Quinlivan the life long friend of the late Senator, spoke as follows from the pulpit of St. Patrick's:

It is needless for me to say what an irreparable loss we all have sustained in the death of our benefactor and friend, Senator Murphy. Not only his bereaved family, not only this parish, of which he was a devoted member, but even this city and the entire country, suffer heavy loss by the death of this truly Christian gentleman. It is those who knew him best in the intercourse of every day life, in the intimacy of friendship, who are loudest in proclaiming his amiable and sterling qualities. A few moments after his death a Protestant gentleman, who had been his business partner for thirty-six years, said of him, "he was one of the best men that ever lived." And on all sides, from persons of every nationality and creed, we hear the same verdict. For over sixty years Senator Murphy was personally associated with every good work that concerned the St. Patrick's congregation. From its very inception he was a member of, and did all in his power to further the interests of our Temperance society. He was one of the mainstays of our charitable institutions, the orphan asylum and old people's refuge, whilst our schools and educational establishments had substantial reason to count him amongst their best friends. It is certainly very remarkable that God permitted him to breathe his last but within the church he loved so well, beside St. Patrick's altar, where his heart always reposed. Had he died in his own house it would have been impossible for a priest to have

reached him in time to administer the last rites. As it was, there was time to do everything, though not a moment to spare. God spared him and his beloved family the pain of a long illness and last parting, and even the closing act of his life, as his entire existence, was a lesson, a source of edification to us all. We certainly owe him a deep debt of gratitude, and it is but just that every member of the parish who can do so should assist to-morrow morning at his funeral. To his sorrowing widow and family we offer our sincerest sympathy, but the surest source of consolation which they and we have is his truly edifying and Christian life. Well may we believe that when he appeared at the judgment seat his Master was able to say to him, "well done thou good and faithful servant." May his lot be with the saints, and may the Almighty God receive his soul in peace.

Seldom has a religious ceremony witnessed by thousands of Roman Catholics and hundreds of Protestants, produced a more solemn effect upon the mind.

The choir sang beautifully, while Mr. J. J. Rowan's solo (Stradella's) "Lord, have mercy," heard amid a solemn silence, produced a thrilling effect. After the Mass, Professor Fowler played Chopin's funeral march, and Beethoven's funeral march at the close of the service.

Amongst those who were in the cortege when the remains left deceased's residence, 836 Dorchester street, were: Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Sir Adolphe Caron, the Hon. Mr. Ouimet, representing the Dominion Government; Mr. Justice Curran, Mr. Justice Hall, Acting Chief Justice Tait, Judge Doherty, Judge Jette, Judge Desrochers, the Rev. Dr. Norton, the Rev. Canon Ellegood, the Rev. Dr. Barclay, the Rev. Dr. Ker, the Rev. Dr. R. Campbell, Mr. J. W. Earle, Mr. M. S. Foley, Lieut.-Col. Caverhill, Mr. James Crathern, Mr. R. Angers, Lieut.-Col. Prevost, Sir Joseph Hickson, Sir William Hingston, Mr. James McShane, Mayor Villeneuve, Messrs. Geoffroy, Q.C., James O'Brien, Charles Garth, Henry Bulmer, chairman of the Harbor Board; John Kennedy, chief of the Harbor Board; George Hagne, manager of the Merchants' Bank; W. J. O'Hara, assistant collector of customs; J. P. B. Casgrain, Adolphe Davis, Dr. Lachapelle, M.P.; J. H. Quinn, His Honor Judge Purcell, Ald. Connaughton, A. D. Fraser, J. H. Stiles, Selkirk Cross, Q.C., R. W. H. Smith, J. Langlois, A. Jones, J. H. R. Molson, Wolfstan Thomas, manager of Molsons Bank; J. Shugnessy, vice-president C.P.R.; Senator Desjardins, ex-Mayor Grenier, J. R. Ryan, Senator Oulivie, Ald. McBride, Ald. Stevenson, B. Tansy, Owen Tansy, Dr. McCallum, ex-Ald. Cunningham, W. Owens, A. M. Bell, P. O. Riley, Charles Alexander, Mr. Burke, Dr. Foran, editor of the "True Witness"; C. A. McDonnell, L. J. Forget, M. Phelan, Sub-chief Jackson, Chief Hughes, M. Hicks, P. Donovan, T. C. Collins, N. Rielle, F. Stafford, G. Bury, C. O'Brien, O. Tansy, A. Raza, P. J. Coyle, Q.C., James Slessor.

The St. John Macdonald club was represented by Mr. F. L. MacLennan, Mr. Donald McMaster and Mr. T. A. Mosher. The St. Patrick's Temperance Society turned out in a body, headed by Mr. M. Sharkey vice-president, and Mr. J. J. Costigan, secretary, and the members, numbering several hundred, and walking in the cortege, were favorably commented on for dropping their work in such numbers to show their respect for him who had been their honored president so long.

The Dominion Alliance was represented by Mr. James Baylis, Mr. Henry Morton, Mr. Walter Paul, Mr. S. J. Carter and Mr. J. H. Carson, secretary, while the Microscopical and Numismatic Societies also sent representatives.

Amongst those who sent floral offerings were: The deceased's children, the Monk grandchildren, Mr. Louis Amos, Mrs. Pease, Miss Rea, Mrs. W. H. Beatty, C. D. Monk, Mr. J. Lemesurier, the Murphy nephews and nieces, Dr. McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. Misses Ducharme, Dr. and Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Bell, Miss Aron, Mrs. R. Lemesurier, Mr. J. H. Stiles, Mrs. Wake, Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. R. L. Gault, Miss MacFarlane, Mrs. R. Taylor, Miss O'Brien, St. Patrick's T.A. & B. Society, Microscopical Society, Natural History Society, Miss Stone, Mr. A. Lemesurier, etc.

Death of an Old Quebecer.

QUEBEC, Dec. 6.—Mr. Michael O'Ryan, one of the oldest residents of Sillery, and father of the late Rev. Dr. O'Ryan, died on Tuesday in his eightieth year.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

The "True Witness" P. & P. Company Ltd.

On Saturday morning a meeting of THE TRUE WITNESS Board of Directors was held. M. Burke, president, occupied the chair, and C. A. McDonnell, managing director, and Doctor E. J. Kennedy were present.

The chairman, on opening the meeting, said that it was with feelings of very great sorrow that he learned of the sad and sudden death of one of the best friends which THE TRUE WITNESS had in the city. During the period of twenty months, in which the deceased Senator was a director, he was always first at every meeting of the Board and first in every undertaking to assist the enterprise of establishing the paper financially and by giving the benefit of his commercial training, his long experience and his unlimited sympathy. The traits of character which he manifested regarding THE TRUE WITNESS, said the chairman, also bore good fruits in all other organizations and institutions in which he occupied positions. The president concluded by saying that Canada had lost a good citizen and the Irish Catholic people a noble representative.

Dr. Kennedy and the managing director also expressed their profound regret at the death of their co-director.

It was then moved and resolved— "That the Directors of THE TRUE WITNESS have heard with profound regret of the sudden and unexpected death of the late Hon. Senator Murphy;

"That as a Director of the company, whose seat at the Board is now vacant, the deceased gentleman was one of the truest and best friends of the only organ that the English-speaking Catholics of this city and province possess;

"That Senator Murphy was a generous and untiring advocate of the twofold cause of faith and country; and that his loss will be severely felt, not only by the whole community, but by the various institutions with which he was connected, but also by THE TRUE WITNESS in particular.

"Wherefore it is resolved—That this expression of sympathy and humble tribute to his memory be conveyed to his bereaved widow and the members of his sorrowing family, and that it be given to the press for publication."

It was further resolved: "That the offices of THE TRUE WITNESS be closed on the morning of the funeral, as a last mark of respect to the deceased Senator."

The Sir John A. Macdonald Club.

A well-attended meeting of the Sir John A. Macdonald Club was held on Thursday, when Mr. F. S. McLennan, the President, drew attention to the sudden death of Hon. Edward Murphy. The club immediately passed a resolution expressive of the sorrow felt by all at the sad event.

In moving the resolution, Mr. C. A. McDonnell paid a touching tribute to the memory of Senator Murphy.

Mr. D. A. McCaskill was deeply moved, as he seconded the resolution. Senator Murphy had been one of his warmest friends, and he felt that the loss was a public calamity.

Dr. Proudfoot said he had known Senator Murphy ever since he began to practice his profession in Montreal, and he did not believe a better citizen and Christian had ever lived. His death was a great loss to the community.

Mr. F. S. McLennan also added an eloquent tribute to the departed.

The resolutions adopted were as follows:—"That this meeting has learned with feelings of profound regret, of the sad and unexpected death of one of their honorary members, Hon. Ed. Murphy, which occurred this morning, and that it place on record its high appreciation of his services to the City of Montreal and the Dominion of Canada, as a citizen of sterling worth, and a public man of unswerving patriotism and high integrity.

"That this club also desires to bear testimony to the fact, that, during the course of his long and successful career in the community, he always evinced a warm and enthusiastic interest in the welfare of the young men, both in regard to their education and commercial training.

"That this club offer its sympathy to the family of the deceased Senator."

It was likewise decided, on motion, that the members of the club attend the funeral in a body.

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