

8th of February. The Railway agitation in Manitoba, has resulted in the retirement of the Norquay Government and the accession of the Liberals to power. There will be a general election in a few months. Even now, there are fourteen Presbyterians in the Local House of 35 members, and a number of these are elders in the Kirk. We hope for much from them.

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### Obituary.

**REV. JOHN SMITH**, minister of Erskine Church, Toronto, died very suddenly at his residence in that city, on the 20th of January. On the previous Sabbath, Mr. Smith preached, morning and evening, with his usual vigour and acceptance. On the evening preceding his decease, he attended the meeting to bid Rev. Jonathan Goforth farewell, apparently in his usual health and spirits. Shortly after reaching home, he was prostrated by a stroke of apoplexy, and died at 2.50 a.m. the next morning. Mr. Smith was an earnest and popular minister, a powerful preacher, and a man of broad sympathies, and will be greatly missed in Toronto, where he was universally respected. Mr. Smith was a native of County Armagh, Ireland, born in 1824. He came with his parents to Canada when three years of age. He studied for the ministry at Knox College, graduating in 1851, and was shortly afterwards ordained as minister of the Canada Presbyterian church at Bowmanville. In 1875 he was translated to Toronto. Under his energetic leadership, a handsome new church was erected, which became the centre of a large and influential congregation. Mr. Smith leaves a widow and four children to mourn their sudden bereavement.

**REV. WILLIAM MILLEN**, St. Andrew's New Brunswick. We regret to record the death, on the 30th January, of Rev. William Millen, late pastor of Bocabec and Waweig. Mr. Millen's health had been failing for two or three years, owing mainly to a very severe accident which befell him in falling out of his carriage. He obtained leave from last General Assembly to retire from the active duties of the ministry. Though his bodily strength was failing, his mind continued as clear and vigorous as ever; and his interest in the cause of Christ was

manifested to the very last. Mr. Millen was a native of Derry, Ireland, and came to New Brunswick in 1846. His ministry was exercised in Richmond, Bocabec, Waweig, Baillie, and other districts where the toil was severe and the need great. He was an earnest, faithful, self-sacrificing and devoted pastor—greatly beloved by his people.

**REV. NEIL MCKINNON**, of Mosa, *London*, died suddenly on the 8th of January. The deceased was a native of Tyree, Scotland, was educated for the ministry at Knox College, Toronto, and was successively minister of Wardsville and Belmont before entering on the charge of Mosa, in 1877. He was a most estimable and useful minister, and his death is a great loss to the church at large, as well as to a large circle of friends.

**MR. THOMAS MCCREDIE**, many years elder in the congregation of Chippawa, died in January, in the 72nd year of his age. He was among the last of the old residents who remembered the battles of Queenstown Heights and Lundy's Lane.

**MR. JAMES DOUGAN**, for over forty years an elder of Knox Church congregation, St. Catharines, Ontario, died on the 16th October last. He was a faithful elder, and a warm-hearted and devoted Sabbath-School teacher and superintendent.

### New Hebrides and Trinidad.

**SANTO ESPIRITU**:—We have a note from our missionary to this island, *Rev. Joseph Annand*, intimating that he and his wife are well. Their new home is on a small island about a quarter of a mile from the main island. This islet is about a mile long and half a mile wide. There is a village on it, with some influential natives. The bay between it and Santo is a pretty sheet of water, forming a good harbour with a lovely sandy beach. The land on Santo rises gradually from the sea to a height of 6000 or 7000 feet, so the whole surroundings are beautiful. The "manse" is a comfortable weather-board building with galvanized iron roof, ceiled and lined throughout with layers of tarred paper. There are four rooms in the main building, and kitchen, bath-room and pantry besides. There is also "a prophet's chamber." The clearing in which it stands is carved out of the dense, tropical forest. Some magnificent banyan trees add to the beauty of the site, and a flower garden is in the preparatory stage. On the whole, Mr. Annand is favourably im-