REV. JOHN de SOYRES PASSES TO SILENCE.

Beloved Rector of St. John's "Stone" Church Died Last Night --- A Leader in Christian Work---City Clergymen Pay Tribute.

Rev. John de Soyres, rector of St. John's (Stone) church, died in the General Public Hospital last night.

The citizens of St. John received this information with profound sorrow this morning. The death was tragic in its suddenness. Mr. de Soyres entered the hospital at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. At 5 he was operated upon for strangulated hernia. A few hours afterwards he was dead.

The physicians in the hospital were confident the operation had been successful. The patient seemed to rally more quickly than is usual in such cases and a complete and speedy recovery was expected. At ten o'clock he was sleeping, and his condition was as satisfactory as could be expected.

Fifteen minutes after, a change came. He sank as quickly as he at first rallied and although every effort was made, he shortly lapsed into unconsciousness and when his bereaved wife came was unable to recognize her.

An examination into the cause of death was held early this morning, and the doctors were surprised to find a large aneurism on the common aorta, which had burst some hours previous to death, and to which there was no possible doubt his untimely end was due. The aneurism was liable to burst at any time and so cause death, there being no chance of avoiding a fatal issue in such an event.

Mrs. de Soyres was greatly prostrated with the shock of her sad bereavement. She remained at the hospital until an early hour this morning.

The rector of St. John's (Stone) church was known, admired and loved by almost every resident of this city.

He was a familiar figure on the street, and in all movements which tended to the benefit of society he was a leader. No man held a larger place in the hearts of the people; no man will be more deeply mourned.

As a pulpit orator he was reverent, thoughtful, profound, and scholarly, as an public lecturer or after dinner speaker he was witty, epigrammatic, brilliant, and altogether charming; as a minister of the Anglican church he lived close to the hearts of his people and was an untiring worker; as a literateur he had few equals in Canada; as a citizen he was always found on the side of right and hesitated not to bear his part manfully and with a complete realization of the responsibilities of citizenship. Those who possessed his friendship treasured it as a jewel. By the people of his flock who knew him as spiritual guardian,mentor and friend he was perhaps most deeply beloved. Their interests were always his interests, their burdens he bore as his own and he will carry with him to and beyond the grave the confidences of many of his parishioners.

Probably no clergyman held a broader mind. Denominational lines had with Rev. John de Soyres little significance. The exclusiveness, which, in the minds of some, is associated with the Anglican church was lacking in him. His first duty was always to his own congregation. He subscribed to the doctrines and ceremony of the church of his choice but beyond that godliness and Christian charity were the basic principles of his faith. No matter what the earthly or social lines might be he saw the spirit of good reflected in every religious movement. He knew no line or limitation. His heart,his services, his talents, his purse, were at the instant disposal of any project the goal of which was the promotion of the broader Christianity the improvement and uplifting of his fellow man. He was a practical Christian who carried his God with him beyond the beaten track, beyond the limits of his parish or his denomination.

As a thinker he was profound, Not only was he equipped with an exceptional scholastic training of the most advanced nature but he had the further advantage of extensive travel, of mingling with the men of eminence in two continents, and a wide acquaintance with various cults and schools of thought.

His attitude on public and ecclesiastical questions was always well grounded and his faith was safeguarded by his logic. An instance of this may be cited in connection with his position on the question of higher criticism which at one time threatened to rend the church. In the height of the excitement Rev. Mr. de Soyres was asked for an opinion upon the value of Canon Henson's

contentions. He said, "The value of higher criticism is dependent upon the value of the critic"

His personal affiliations were with the evangelical school of the Church of England, and he was a warm friend of Wycliffe College. But in his preaching he might have been called a broad churchman though not an extreme one. In many ways and on various occasions Mr. de Soyres sought to bring the religious bodies within the sphere of his influence to a closer comradeship. Having travelled much and enjoyed the acquaintance of men of all continents, and possessing great conversational powers, Mr. de Soyres was a delightful acquaintance. His fund of information, illustration, and anecdote never failed. The same qualifications made him an attractive and popular lecturer. Enthusiastically devoted to sacred studies, he did much to encourage and assist the clergy of this diocese in their reading of the divinity and history of the Christian church. But his own interests and sympathies reached out in all directions, so that he concerned himself in athletics, old and new world politics in the large sense, literature, ancient and modern, English and foreign, music and art. And what he himself enjoyed he sought to communicate to others.

His warm hearted generosity and his impulsive energy were such productive of charitable and cherished the hope of being able some day to give himself more entirely to the studies he loved.

He stood high in the councils of the church and was a delegate on various occasions to the Provincial Synod and also to the General Synod of Canada. He was not a frequent speaker in the debates but was always eloquent and forcible and was listened to with the closest attention. He was a generous supporter of missions and personally contributed more to the cause of Home Missions than any clergyman in the diocese.

W. O. RAYMOND.

A Noble Soul.

The news of the sudden death of Dr. deSoyres came to me as a shock. I can scarcely believe that he who but a few days ago was in our midst in the prime of manhood is now gone from us.

I have known him during all the years of his ministry in St. John and admired him.

His eloquence at times charmed me; the great catholicity of his nature had drew me toward him.

I shall not forget the special kindness shown me on my return to the pastorate in this city, by our now departed brother.

No one so soon called at the parsonage to welcome me back to the church and the city, no one spoke more kindly of the return. I shall long cherish his memory as one of the most brilliant preachers of St. John; a scholar of profound learning; a Christian of beautiful piety.

Rev. Mr. de Soyres was one of the first university extension lecturers in England in 1875-76, and preached at Westminster Abbey and at St. Paul's cathedral on special occasions. After 1871 to 1875 he held the chair of history at Queen's College, London. As a special preacher Rev. Mr. de Soyres was in great demand, having been on one occasion to Chicago and to Toronto several times where his brilliant and eloquent utterances charmed the thousands who listened to him.

Rev. Mr. de Soyres was appointed to the rectorship of St. Mark's in this city in 1888. He was a learned historian and an accomplished litterateur. His published works include the Montanists (1878) The Primitive Church, (1878) Pascal's Provincial Letters, (edited 1881, second edition 1890), Word Book of English History and Christian Reunion. (1888), and several brochures and volumes of sermons. Rev. Mr. de Soyres was at chaplain to the emassay at St. Petersburg. Rev. Mr. de Soyres married Mrs. Carr of St. John, who with one daughter, (Miss Madeline) survives him.

CITY CLERGYMEN PAY A TRIBUTE.

Generous, Impulsive, Fearless

The death of Mr. de Soyres is naturally a great shock to those who have known him so long and so intimately as I have done. His strong personality and transcendent abilities made him more widely known perhaps than any other clergyman in eastern Canada. He had a wonderful gift of being able to charm all classes of people by his words, He

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MONTREAL HAS ANOTHER FIRE.

Four Hundred Men Out of Work in the Grand Trunk Shops.

Montreal, Feb. 4:—(Special)—Four hundred men thrown out of work and a financial loss of $10,000 is the result of a fire at the G. T. R shops at Point St. Charles last night. The boiler and blacksmith shops were burned and the adjoining buildings damaged.

IMMIGRANTS FROM LONDON.

Twelve Families, Comprising 63 Persons, Brought Out by the Salvation Army --- More to Follow

The Lake Manitoba, which arrived here today conveyed the first contingent from London in connection with the Salvation Army's Immigration project. All told they numbered 63 souls. Col. Taylor, one of the most active workers in London was in charge of the party and like all Salvation Army officers is happy, genial and affable.

Col. Taylor, who by his energetic work has done much to advance the army in the great metropolis, was greeted on his arrival at St. John by Col. Sharpe, of St. John, and Brigadier Howell, of Toronto, who are in charge of the immigration department in Canada.

Col. Taylor, interviewed by a Times reporter said—"On the Lake Manitoba there are twelve families, including in all 63 souls, who have come to make Canada their home. There are also a number of domestics. They have come on special arrangement with the Army, and will remain in St. John at the Metropole until arrangements that have been made will be put into effect. Appointments will be secured and in the meantime the army will look after their members.

"We left Liverpool on Tuesday week," said Col. Taylor, "and we had a pleasant voyage. At London the members of the Army were given a send off. A demonstration was held and the father and mother of each family was presented with a bible as a token of remembrance.

Col. Taylor, further informed the Times that thirty-eight other families will arrive in St. John within the next few weeks, under the auspices of the army.

When the steamer was docked Col. Sharpe extended the glad hand of welcome to every one of the party.

Tomorrow afternoon and evening special meetings will be held at the barracks at Charlotte St. Col. Taylor will be present, and some of the visitors from across the ocean will no doubt, be in attendance.

WEDDINGS.

White---Weyman.

Miss Maud A. Weyman, of this city was united in marriage, in Montreal today to Fred E. White, son of Thos White of this city. Miss Weyman, who is a daughter of Robert C. Weyman, was a very popular young lady in St. John and her many friends wish her every happiness.

She was a few years ago employed as saleslady in C. Flood & Sons' stationery store, but has lately been employed in Myhres Bros., dry goods establishment. This firm presented her with a handsome gift.

The firm of Thomas White presented a substantial sum in cash.

WARSAW PANIC STRICKEN.

Warsaw, Feb. 4.—Reports from Czestocowa, say that city is in a state of panic. The inhabitants are barricading their doors and windows, owing to the attitude of the strikers.

Through the kindness of Major McLaren, the St. David's Bearer Corps have received fifteen uniforms. The boys appreciate the kindness of the Major.

The Times New Reporter.

If any citizen knows of a piece of street or sidewalk that is not used by the people to any extent, he will gracefully oblige the officials of the street department by sending them word. They will at once remove the holes.

The Times new reporter has lost a pair of mittens. He does not know when, where or how. They were not much good, but had holes in them ten years old and that always reminded the new reporter of happy days. Will the finder please return the holes.

AT THE CARNIVAL.

The Times new reporter went down to the carnival last evening. The street railway company, having learned of his intention, offered to place a car at his disposal. He explained to them that he wanted to get there. On learning this fact they very frankly admitted that it would be better for him to walk. He did so, and being now out footsore would have made great progress but for the fact that he is a young man of philanthropic instincts. So many people were slipping and falling down on the hog's-backs which by courtesy are

called sidewalks that he lost a great deal of time in assisting them to regain their feet. However, he arrived there three quarters of an hour in advance of the street car, and was highly pleased with the carnival. Several persons asked him why he did not go on the ice, but he explained that he had no disguise. They said they thought his face would do in a crowd. They also made other encouraging remarks, and made him feel quite at home. One very charming young lady begged him to lift his mask. She explained afterwards that she had judged by his face by his disguise. This was almost embarrassing, for she was a delightful girl, and took great pains to point out the different characters represented. The new reporter offered to escort her home, but she sadly replied that she had no home now, as there was a carnival. Thus even at a carnival we are reminded of the uncertainties of life. The carnival was a great success, but if there had been a few alderman present, wearing a look of resignation, it would have been a great popular feature. No much Managor Armstrong will bear that fact in mind in offering prizes for the next one

Eggs are much cheaper in the country market. It only costs a dollar now to look at a dozen, strictly fresh.

Several friends in Nova Scotia,

PICTOU HOTEL BURNED TODAY.

Feared That One Girl Lost Her Life---Guests Jumped From Windows.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 4:—(Special)— The Revere Hotel at Pictou caught fire about 2.30 this morning. The flames spread so rapidly that the stairs could not be used. Guests escaped through the windows, all more or less injured. One girl working in the house, Mary McEachern, is missing. Another girl, who was in the room with her, jumped out of the window and Mc McEachern girl said she would try and follow her, but has not since been seen, and it is feared she lost her life. N. Doherty, the proprietor was badly burned, W. E. Whitman jumped from a window and received some injuries. The hotel burned to the ground. It was insured.

HEBREWS HAVE A GRIEVANCE.

They Won't Work Saturdays and St. John's Laws Forbid Sunday Labor.

Four of Hebrew clothing makers who were reported by Policeman Finley for having desecrated the Sabbath by manufacturing clothing on Sunday January 29th, were before Magistrate Ritchie this morning. Some difficulty arose with reference to their names, and when asked by his honor if they could write them, one of the number who apparently was spokesman informed the court they could, but, as today was Saturday, the Hebrew Sabbath, it was not customary with them to do so. Neither was it possible for them to take an oath to-day.

His honor explained to them that the laws of Canada demanded that they must not work on Sunday, and since they were living in St. John they must comply with such regulations. He also informed them that the court would respect their views in matters of religion, and that if they preferred, the case would be allowed to stand over.

One of the number said that they could not earn sufficient to make a living by working five days of the week, and so were obliged to work Sundays. This, of course implied the observance of the Jewish Sabbath. He had worked in Montreal for six years and no complaint had been made regarding the observance of Sunday.

His honor observed that this had really no weight in the matter.

The case stands over until Tuesday morning next at 10.30 o'clock.

NO MORE FREE PAPERS.

Toronto, Feb. 4.—(Special)—At the Canadian Press Association yesterday a resolution was passed against having newspapers carried free by the postal department,and a uniform rate of postage will be asked for. This action was taken so that the managers of newspapers would be in a position to demand a better service.

THE DEATH ROLL.

London, Feb. 4.—Joseph Price,formerly vice-president of the Grand Trunk railroad and who was connected with railroads in the United States, died this morning of paralysis.

KING AND KAISER WILL KEEP AWAY.

Report That Great Britain and Germany Will Unite to Secure Peace is Denied --- Port Arthur Treasury Held $7.50 When It Surrendered.

London, Feb. 4:—The foreign office declares there is no foundation for the report published that conferences have taken place at Berlin between Chancellor Von Buelow and the British ambassador, Sir Frank Lascelles with the object of bringing about peace between Russia and Japan. The officials here knew nothing of any proposed union either Germany, Great Britain or elsewhere, suggesting an effort, joint or otherwise, to stop the war.

Here is the Dream.

New York, Feb. 4.—A special to the Sun from London says: "On the initiative of the German government, an interview took place on Monday at Berlin between Chancellor "Von Buelow and Sir Francis Lascelles, the British ambassador, at which the former proposed that efforts be made by Germany and Great Britain to secure peace between Russia and Japan The Sun's informant believes that this conference was preceded by an interchange of views by King Edward and the Kaiser.

"A double motive for this action is ascribed to the German Emperor. One is that he seeks to damage the alliance between France and Russia, and the other is that he desires to destroy the anti-German feeling in England."

Arrived in Ceylon.

Colombo, Ceylon, Feb. 4.— Gen. Stoessel, the former commander of Port Arthur, and the Russian officers and others accompanying him arrived here today from Japan by way of Shanghai on board the French line steamer Australian.

In an interview with the correspondent of the Associated Press, the general denied the statements published to the effect that Port Arthur was surrendered prematurely.He was especially indignant at the statements made by a London newspaper, Jan. 25, in a despatch from Pekin, that there were at the time of the surrender, 25,000 able bodied men in Port Arthur capable of making a sortie, hundreds of officers, all well provisioned, plenty of ammunition, the largest magazine being untouched and full to the roof, and that there was an ample supply of food for three months even if no fresh supplies were received. The general characterized these statements as unjustified and not supported by facts.

Col. Reiss, who was among the negotiators of the surrender of the fortress, said: "The garrison could not have held out a moment longer. It would have been murder. Only fifteen roubles ($7.50) remained in the military treasury out of a million and a half ($750,000) at the com-

mencement of the siege. Four hundred men were dying daily in the hospitals, principally from wounds and scurvy.

"General Kondratenko" was the hero of the siege."

Col. Reiss further declared that the Japanese were "admittable soldiers, but poor in the one of the bayonet compared with the Russians and French."

General Stoessel and others of his party will tranship at Port Said for Odessa.

Russians Whipped Again.

Tokio, Feb. 4:—1 p. m.—Manchurian headquarters telegraphing under date of Feb. 3rd says:

"On Thursday (Feb. 2nd,) the enemy's artillery bombarded from several points on our right wing. Otherwise the situation is unchanged. In the direction of our centre at 12.30, Friday morning, (Feb. 3rd.), one company of the enemy's infantry attacked our outposts from the Mukden road and later another station was attacked in the Waytschampti. Both attacks were repulsed.

In the direction of our left, the enemy has been attacking in the neighborhood of Liuliaoku, since the morning of Feb. 2nd. Their force which consisted of the first and 5th rifle brigades were driven back toward Changtan.

The enemy's losses are estimated at 700. We witnessed the removal of over three hundred dead.

The Russians dead already interred after the battle of Heikoutai in the neighborhood of Sumapao alone number 900."

The New Commander.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—It is believed in military circles here that the succession of Lieut. General Myloff to the command of the second army of Manchuria, does not necessarily mean that the position of second in command, in the far east has devolved upon him. General Myloff has a good record as a fighter. He was not present at any of the great battles of the campaign, but is 62 years of age, fought in the Turkish campaign and saw a great deal of service in the Chinese war. He was appointed to the command of the eighth army corps in 1901 and went out to Manchuria with that corps from Odessa. The eighth corps was one of the latest to arrive.

Army officers confirm the report that General Gripenberg is in ill health and declare that he was seriously ill a year before his appointment to the command of the second army of Manchuria.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT TO ENGINE KILLS TWO MEN.

Utica, N. Y., Feb. 4.—One of the strangest wrecks in the history of railroading in this section occurred at Whitesboro, three miles west of this city at an early hour this morning. Train 23, the western express was drawn by an engine known as "of the Pacific type." As this engine was passing 21, the Buffalo express, the western engine explode. The full force of the explosion was felt in the second-car of the eastbound train, as the westbound engine was directly opposite the car when the explosion occurred. Both trains were running at what may be called full speed, and from the effects of the explosion and the upheaval of the wrecked engine and the car which was opposite at that moment, the coaches were thrown from the tracks in both directions. Both trains were well filled with passengers and the westbound train is known as one of the best trains on the road for sleeping-car passengers. It was supposed that a score or more of lives had been lost and that train their number of people had been severely injured, but when the work of rescue had gone forward through the early hours of the morning and the wreck was examined as carefully as possible in the daylight of a morning in which the mercury registered 15 degrees below zero, it was found that not a single passenger had been killed, that there possibly no injured passengers who would die, and that the pounded were really very few. Two men were killed, the engineer and fireman on the westbound locomotive, the one on which the explosion occurred. As they were the only men on the loco-

motive there will never be an explanation as to the cause of the explosion, if indeed they knew. The dead are:

John Allan, engineer of the westbound train, of Albany.

John Brennan, fireman of the westbound train, of Albany.

The injured at St. Luke's Hospital—

Walter M. Brown, and Wm. J. Hobinson of Buffalo, and Robert Wild and Sidney West, of New York.

The men bruised and cut but not seriously.—

At Faxton Hospital—Dr. Walsh, of New York, scalp wound and suffering severely from shock; Mrs. Bell, of Buffalo, wife of Supt. of Pullman Car Co., arm broken and other injuries, but not dangerous.

AN APPEAL CASE.

Matter of Cushing Sulphite Fibre Co., vs. George S. Cushing Heard at Fredericton.

Fredericton, Feb. 4.—(Special)—The argument in the equity appeal case of the Cushing Sulphite Fibre Co. vs. George A. Cushing was taken up in the Supreme court this morning. There is also a Cross appeal by Mr. Cushing from Judge Barker's decision. The argument on these will likely occupy the greater part of next week.

H. A. Powell and M. G. Teed K. C.'s appear for the Company and the court reserved judgment. L. A. Currey, K. C. the attorney general, L. A. Currey, K. C. and A. P. Barnhill, K. C., for Geo. Cushing.