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The Nation's Loss.

It will be some time before the people of Canada will fully realize how much they have lost by the death of Sir John A. Macdonald—the patriotic statesman who devoted his whole life to the welfare of his country. If other men arise to govern as well or perhaps better than the late premier, it will be because he had already laid the foundation of the future prosperity of the Dominion. If anything were wanting to show the hold which Sir John had on the affections of the people, the extraordinary sympathy manifested during his last illness affords touching proof that his integrity, his sincerity, and his *unselfishness* were appreciated no less than his administrative ability by all classes of the people and by men of every shade of politics.

Sir John was born in Glasgow in 1815, and came to Canada with his father, Hugh Macdonald, a native of Sutherlandshire, in 1820. The crowning act of his political career was the consummation of the British North America Act, which inaugurated the new Dominion, on July 1st, 1867. For this

he received the honour of Knighthood. Sir John was twice married: first, to a daughter of Mr. Alexander Clark of Dalnavert, Invernesshire, Scotland. His second wife is a daughter of the late Mr. T. Bernard, a member of the Privy Council of Jamaica. Lady Macdonald has earned the gratitude of every Canadian by her admirable devotion to the best interests of her husband ever since they were united in 1867; and now that she is a widow, a nation's tears attest their sympathy with her.

Temperance and Sabbath Observance.

THERE is a very close connection between these two. Where temperance prevails the conditions of society are favourable to Sabbath observance. Intemperance is the fruitful cause of much of the Sabbath desecration that prevails. The friends of both have shewn symptoms of unusual activity of late. The Churches of all denominations are alive to the importance of the issues and have been making strenuous efforts to influence public opinion in the right direction. The House of Commons has been flooded by petitions from all parts of the country in favour of "total prohibition" as the only effectual cure for the