

some like this: "That shows the sincerity of Sir John's heart for his trusted friends and colleagues."

If I am any judge of human nature, it was probably Sir John Macdonald's most trying day on earth.

Sir Hector Comes to the Rescue.

After a moment or two of hesitation Sir Hector, who was completely unprepared to address the House on the sad subject, said:

MR. SPEAKER: I expected that my hon. friend and leader, the First Minister, would have been able to announce, as he wished to have done, the death of our worthy colleague, Hon. Thomas White, Minister of the Interior. His taking off was entirely unexpected and is a terrible blow to his colleagues, and especially to the First Minister, whose intimate friend he was. I have noticed that both sides of the House sympathize with the bereaved family and deplore with us the great loss which this House and the country have met in the death of Mr. White. For many years our dead friend had been an active member of the press, and in that capacity had rendered great services to the country, and especially to his party. He was a good orator, and he was also a good friend, and although he fought his opponents vigorously he was, nevertheless, always ready afterwards to shake hands with them. He was always careful to conduct his controversies with them that he could afterwards be their friend again.

During the last ten or fifteen years during which he has occupied a seat in this House, my dead friend showed that he was worthy of his position, and when, by the suggestion of the First Minister, he was called to take a place in the Government, I know that on our side everybody applauded the choice. His opponents likewise recognized that he was worthy of the honor. Mr. White has lost his life in the service of this country. He was entirely devoted to his duties, and in order the better to fulfil them faithfully he visited the Northwest and undertook a long voyage through that country in order to make himself perfectly acquainted with the needs and circumstances of that vast region, the affairs of which he had to administer. He made himself perfectly au fait with the wants of that district. During the past year or so he was in a position to render those services that were expected of him, and now, in the midst of his great labors, he has been taken away and thus leaves a great void in the Government of the country.

I have no doubt the country at large will mourn his loss and will say with us that a good and able man has disappeared. It is not for me to dwell upon the consequences of this loss, or upon the lesson which this sad event teaches us, but let me say at all events, he passed away leaving, I doubt not, not a single enemy inside or outside this House. Although his opponents and our opponents found that sometimes he was a very formidable adversary, on the other hand they will recognize, he always tried to avoid such expressions as might wound their feelings. For myself, at all events, the lesson I draw from his example is that we must always remember that although we are called here to perform a duty, nevertheless we must be lenient towards others if we would have others be lenient towards us in the performance of such duties.

The Leader of the Opposition's Tribute.

Mr. Laurier then paid this pathetic tribute to the memory of the dead minister, and to the Premier's overwhelming grief:

I can scarcely find words to give expression to the very sad emotions which this occasion arouses. Engaged as we are in daily strife, divided as we are in aims and purposes, struggling as we are every day, sometimes bitterly struggling for our convictions, we are too apt to forget what we readily realize to-day—that after all there is a universality about us, and when a man of Mr. White's eminence is removed from amongst us, we all individually feel that we have suffered a loss, and perhaps for the first time we can see the full measure of the man's worth. It is, however, a mistake of man's nature that we never appreciate fully what we have until we have lost it, and this feeling comes forcibly to-day. In Mr. White's death the whole nation has suffered a great loss, but I recall and understand that to his friends the blow must be almost unbearable. His untiring energy and industry, his vast and wide knowledge of all political questions, his aptitude for business, his great administrative ability, his skill in debate, his eloquence, all were the happy combination of varied qualities which made him a tower of strength to those with whom he was associated. We, on this side of the House, can never forget, as has been said by the Minister of Public Works, that upon all occasions, whether on the floor of Parliament or whether in his department as an executive officer of the crown, he was always civil, courteous and obliging.

But I am sure that great as the blow must be to the country at large, to his party and to his family, there is no one who feels it more deeply than the veteran Premier. We can all sympathize with him and we do sympathize with him now, and such as we differ from him in politics or on various questions, we all understand that at his time of life the death of a long trusted friend must deal a severe blow. Death with us has been of late unusually cruel. Mr. White is the seventh of our colleagues we have lost since the last election. Death has been unsparring, striking alike on all ages and stations, and this last blow, coming as it does so suddenly and so unexpectedly, after so many others, recalls very forcibly the words of Burke, "What shadows we are and what shadows we pursue."

From the "Friend of His Boyhood."

Mr. Adam Brown, of Hamilton, then made this touching allusion to Mr. White:

MR. SPEAKER: We meet to-day under circumstances different, perhaps, from any which have ever marked the assembling of the representatives of the people—the death of a Minister of the Crown during a session of Parliament. The occasion, sir, hushes all party strife, and a feeling of profound sorrow fills every heart in this chamber. As a companion of the boyhood days of the deceased Minister and a close and warm friend of maturer years, it is becoming that I should say a few words on this sad occasion.

Not only as the head of an important department had our deceased friend rendered most valuable service to his country but for thirty years and more before he entered Parliament he had been a leader in everything which tended to Canada's prosperity. Full of energy and a high sense of right, he had administered the important Department of the Interior in such a way as to secure the confidence of the people of our great Northwest and British Columbia. He faced every obstacle which beset him with sagacity and ability. He appreciated the needs of those great sections of our country and he inspired the people with hope in their great future.

Had his valuable life been spared it is impossible to predict how great would have been the results of his administration of the department. When he assumed the duties of the office he had mountains of difficulties to encounter, but he overcame them all and secured the grateful appreciation of those who were the most interested. I know, sir, that honorable gentlemen who represent Manitoba and the Northwest Territories and British Columbia will sustain me in this statement.

We often fall in the bustle of life to fully recognize the merits of men until we lose them. It is so in this case. We shall miss our deceased friend, miss his pleasant recognition and the hailing him by his familiar name. He was a man of talent and of truth, dealing with all questions in a spirit of equity and good judgment, inspiring the settlers with fresh courage, and, as a minister of the crown, ever most painstaking with the representatives whom the people sent here to look after their interests. In the adjudication of all matters brought before him he did not "new to the line," but met them in a spirit of concession.

No man, sir, I venture to say, has contributed so much to the prosperity of the Northwest and our territory on the Pacific, present and prospective, as the minister who has been called to his rest.

Mr. Speaker, he was my friend. I knew him as perhaps few in the House did. He was always a true friend. The elevation to office made no change in him. A great man and one to whom the country looked for many years of still greater public usefulness has passed away at an age when it may be said he was in his prime. Truly, sir, "his sun has set while it is yet day." Those of us who were permitted to enjoy his society in his happy home, surrounded by those among whom there was such mutual love and of whom he was so proud, will not soon forget it. Full of manliness, he was as tender as a woman.

We shall not again see his face or listen to his persuasive eloquence, but it will be long before the brilliant ability of Thomas White as a minister of the crown, and the beauty of his whole character will be forgotten either by this House or the country. "Death has molten into calm completion the statue of his life."

The House was then adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Hector Langevin and Mr. Laurier the House rose at 3:40 until Wednesday afternoon.

In the Senate this afternoon Mr. Abbott, Mr. Scott and Mr. Alexander all made touching allusions to Mr. White's demise. Mr. Abbott, speaking for the Government, was very much affected, and it was with difficulty he finished his remarks. The Senate, like the Commons, adjourned till Wednesday afternoon.

The funeral arrangements are now completed. The members of the House of Commons and Senators will meet in their respective chambers at 8:30 and march in a body to the family residence, via Metcalfe street. The Government has chartered a special train, which will leave the Canada Atlantic station at 9:30 for Montreal. Services will be held in St. George's Church in that city at 2 o'clock, and the interment will be in Mount Royal Cemetery. There will be no services in this city before the departure of the funeral train. Sir Hector Langevin told the House this afternoon that the train would be at the use of the Commoners, Senators, heads of departments, the attachés of the Interior office and the press gallery. The obsequies will be under the charge of the Government.

The remains of the dead minister reposed throughout to-day in a handsome rosewood casket in the drawing-room of his late residence. Throughout the day they were viewed by hundreds of people. The features were perfectly natural and calm, just as they seemed in life. Mr. Baker, M.P. for Victoria, an intimate friend of the family, was in attendance to receive the callers.

The press-gallery met this afternoon and passed a resolution expressive of the deep regret which the members of the gallery felt at the prema-

ture and unexpected taking off of a gentleman who had adorned the profession for so many years. Mr. White was president of the press gallery from 1864 to 1869 and from 1871 to 1873.

Remembering His Memory.

TORONTO, April 23.—Ald. McMillan, seconded by Ald. Baxter, moved the following resolution at the City Council last night, and it was carried unanimously:—

That the death of Honorable Thomas White, Minister of the Interior in the Cabinet of the Dominion Government, on the 21st inst., in the prime of his life and usefulness, is regarded by this Council with sentiments of no common emotion and sorrow. That on such an occasion all party feeling is hushed, and every dividing political sentiment is merged in the recognition of eminent talent, high patriotism, and a position proudly earned as one of the foremost of Canada's public and representative men. The Council desire to record in his death a national loss of the gravest character, and to offer to his sorrowing widow and family an expression of heartfelt sympathy and condolence in their great and irreparable bereavement.

Resolved further, that a copy of this resolution be fittingly engrossed and presented to the family of the deceased.

Hurt by a Runaway Team.

LONDON, Ont., April 22.—A serious runaway accident occurred about noon to-day. Mr. John Anderson, of Westminster Township was driving a spirited team of young horses along King-street, and when crossing Richmond they got beyond the driver's control, and made a break for the sidewalk, coming in contact with the pole in front of Taylor's barber shop. A number of people were on the sidewalk at the time, and several were more or less injured. A Mr. Smith was badly bruised about the head and body, suffering internal injuries of a serious nature. Mrs. Taylor of Westminster was hurt about the lower limbs; Mrs. Hamilton of London Township also received serious injuries.

A Telephone War.

MONTREAL, April 22.—The Bell Telephone Company, weary of waiting for the permission of the corporation to erect their poles on St. James, Notre Dame, Beaver Hall, Dorchester and Sherbrooke streets, yesterday informed the City Surveyor that they would commence work immediately, and as a matter of fact are already laying down the poles upon some of the streets in question. A writ of mandamus was applied for this morning to restrain the city from allowing the Federal Telephone Company to erect their poles in the streets, which they were granted leave to do at a recent meeting of the Council.

The Buffalo Bankers' Association has decided to charge 2 per cent. discount on all Canadian money received on deposit.

Mr. Gilhooly, the Irish member of Parliament, has had a little trouble, a la O'Brien, with a police inspector over his trousers.

Lord Salisbury and the Russian Ambassador have been discussing fresh proposals from Russia regarding the Bulgarian question.

American seedsmen who mail their packages for American points in Canadian postoffices will have to pay the American rate of postage.

The report of the Ways and Means Committee to accompany the draft Tariff Bill at Washington makes out a strong case for tariff reduction.

A bill for the celebration at Washington next spring of the centennial of the Constitution of the United States was passed in the Senate.

The Dublin Mail says the London police are taking special precautions in consequence of their having learned of a plot to murder Mr. Balfour.

The London Financial News says the new bonus to the Canadian Pacific Railway will be a Government guarantee for a loan of \$14,000,000.

The president and cashier of the State National Bank of Raleigh, N.C., were arrested in Toronto with \$21,000 concealed in their clothes.

Nineteen houses have been burned in Czaba, Hungary, and 200 at Kikinda, and 1500 persons are shelterless and are camping out in the snow.

Emerson Frolovick will present to Dr