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## Pioneer Citizen of North George T. Smith Passes

Came to Haileybury Twenty-Five Years Ago to Open First Mining Recorder's Office; Active in Many Public Works and greatly respected throughout Whole District

George Theu Smith, one of Haileybury's pioneer citizens and a man well known throughout the North Country, died on Saturday afternoon last at his home on Georgina Avenue North after an illness of about one week's duration. He had contracted a cold which developed into pneumonia, causing his death. Although in his 75th year, Mr. Smith had been in his usual good health and on the previous Saturday had attended the funeral of the late H. D. Bradley in New Liskeard.

Born in Henrieville, Ibterville County, Quebec, the late Mr. Smith was of Canadian pioneer stock. With his parents he moved to Chapeau, Que., as a young lad, later going to Mattawa, where he spent 25 years of his earlier life. He came to Haileybury in April, 1905, as the first mining recorder in this section of the North Country, when a recording office was opened here following the silver discoveries at Cobalt. In Mattawa, Mr. Smith was postmaster for many years and was in charge of a store and other business for McCool Brothers, lumbermen. He left there to take charge of the recording office here and continued for a number of years in that occupation, until his appointment to the Ontario License Commission when the first prohibition law was enacted as a war measure. On his retirement a few years ago from that position, he ceased active work and devoted himself more fully to his family and private affairs and to many public activities in Haileybury and the district.

Mr. Smith had been a valued and active member of the local Board of Trade, having been president of the organization for several terms, and was at the time of his death vice-president of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade. He was a member of the High School Board from the time it was organized in 1910 until his death, and had been chairman for about 17 years, treasurer of the Children's Aid Society from its inception in 1911. He was secretary-treasurer of the Separate School Board from its organization until his resignation in 1926. He was also a member of the Red Cross Hospital Board and charter member of Haileybury Rotary Club. These are the main features of Mr. Smith's public activities and service to the community, but there are many who could testify to his numerous good works of a more private nature and who looked upon him as a personal friend and benefactor.

Mr. Smith was married in Mattawa to Miss Rosemary Meagher, a sister of Mr. T. J. Meagher, of Haileybury, who with three daughters and three sons sur-

vive. The daughters are Mrs. H. E. Sparks and Miss Mary Smith, of Haileybury, and Mrs. Grainger Grant, of Wabana, Newfoundland. The sons are Leonard, of Rouyn, and Emmett and Terence of Haileybury.

Mr. Smith was a staunch member of the Roman Catholic Church and a lifelong Conservative in politics, but he was one of the most broad-minded and tolerant of men and had scores of personal friends in all parties and among all creeds. His unflinching good humor and genial personality made him one of the most popular men in the North and wherever he went he was welcomed and honored for his real public spirit and his unswerving loyalty.

The funeral here on Monday morning was a striking tribute to Mr. Smith's long residence and position of general respect in the community. Over fifty motor cars and hundreds of people followed the cortege from the residence to the Roman Catholic Church, where service was held prior to the departure of the train for Mattawa, where interment was made on Tuesday afternoon. The Church was crowded to the doors for the service and perhaps less than half of the people attending were able to find room in the edifice. The service was conducted by His Lordship Bishop Rheaume, assisted by Rev. Fathers Roulier and Fontaine, the church choir taking part. There were also several Priests from different parts of the Diocese in the sanctuary.

The pallbearers were, with one exception, representative citizens of Haileybury. Mayor Geo. T. Hamilton, Messrs. W. S. Blackwall and W. H. Tuke represented the Protestant section, and Messrs. Jos. A. Laurin and James O'Hara represented the Catholic Church. The sixth was Mr. Dan. O'Connor, of Connaught, a boyhood friend of Mr. Smith.

A private car of the T. & N.O. Commission was sent up by the Chairman, Mr. Geo. W. Lee, placed at the disposal of the family to accompany the remains to Mattawa.

Mrs. Grant, who was notified on Saturday at her home in Newfoundland, was unable to get to Mattawa before interment took place, but is on her way home now.

As a mark of public respect to the late Mr. Smith flags were flown at half mast on the public buildings and all places of business in the downtown section were closed during the time of the funeral services here.

Mrs. Gorman, of Renfrew and Colonel L. T. Martin, of Ottawa, cousins of Mrs. Smith, were present for the funeral and accompanied the family to Mattawa.

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## Two Federal Leaders Present Strong Contrast

(From the Mail and Empire, Wednesday, June 11, 1930)

It is recalled that when Tecumseh met Brock he said: "Here is a man." Tens of thousands who listened to Mr. Bennett on Monday night, or who have since read his speech, must have been moved to make a similar comment regarding the Conservative leader. He must have impressed everyone with the sincerity of his views and the courage of his convictions. In this opening campaign speech he was not afraid to tackle any question. He took hold of each national issue with firmness and dealt with it definitely. This fact is undeniable, whether or not one agrees with his views on any or every question which he discussed.

From beginning to end of his striking deliverance there was not a suggestion of quibble or evasion or vacillation. He dealt with every problem as it came under review, directly and conclusively. When returned to office he will give agriculture and industry adequate protection. He will see that industry does not abuse its privileges at the expense of the consumer. He will promote intraprovincial trade by the improvement of transportation facilities and otherwise. He will labor that the North Country and Pacific Coast may have additional transportation facilities. He will develop the St. Lawrence waterway and provide adequate port facilities on the Great Lakes, on Hudson Bay and on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. He will stand up to the United States in the matter of the present unfair trade balance against this country. He will support the plan for a greater intra-Empire trade on a two-way preference basis in place of the present one-way preference basis. He will introduce a national old age pension scheme. He will see that every class in the community gets its fair share of the benefits of these policies.

Compare with this forthright attitude of the Conservative leader Mr. Mackenzie King's remarkable supine and evasive course on the leading issues of the day. The Prime Minister has never had the courage to come out as either a protectionist or a free trader. He has preached one fiscal doctrine in the east and another in the west. He has lacked the stamina to meet the oppressive tariff legislation of the United States, which tends to make this country an economic vassal of the Republic. He has wanted the political courage to ask the Mother Country for a mutual preference in the British market in return for the tariff favors which this country extends to Great Britain. When the St. Lawrence waterways problem has come up he has been too nervous to declare himself and has taken refuge in suggestions to the Opposition that the situation is too delicate to permit public discussion at this time. His policy, first and last, has been one of soft peddling and of scheming to evade commitments which might offend someone or from which he might have to retire.

If, in Tecumseh's language, the Hon. R. B. Bennett must be described as "A Man," Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King may fairly be called "Man Afraid of Everything."

## "Give Canada a Chance"

(From the Ottawa Journal, Wednesday, June 11th, 1930)

No fair-minded citizen among the millions of Canadians who must have heard Mr. R. B. Bennett on Monday night could be other than impressed with the clear honesty of his address, its fearless candor, its great earnestness, its sustained note of patriotism. "The great thing in life," said John Morley, "is not that two people should agree, but that each should hold his or her convictions in a high and worthy way." That, one is made to feel, is the spirit in which Mr. Bennett abides by his convictions. In the whole length of his address, lasting more than an hour, there was not a sentence that dimmed the lamp of reason, not a surrender to the cheap or the vulgar, not a mean or common phrase. The impression he gave, a true mirror of the man, was of a fine Canadian, gifted far above the average, scorning the cheap and the ignoble, sincerely and profoundly concerned with the well-being of his country, offering high talents and a deep faith in definite policies for the progress of this land. Canadians may disagree with Mr. Bennett, may attack his policies; they cannot but hold the man himself in the highest respect. Cannot but feel that here is a statesman in the best of our past traditions.

Mr. Bennett is not out to revile his opponents, to indulge in vilification and abuse. All that he does is to hold a light to their record, ask the nation to judge. And what is the record? Mr. King has held office now for close upon a decade. It has been a decade in which Providence has blessed Canada with favors vouchsafed to few lands. Our fields, our mines, our waters, our forests, all yielded riches untold; no people on the face of the earth had more chance for material prosperity. And yet, despite all these things, notwithstanding a heritage that should make us the envy of the world, the close of ten years finds—what? It finds that in this rich land, with all of its vast estate of farm and forest and mine and water, with all of its youth and faith and vigor, men are walking the streets unemployed, trade is depressed, agriculture languishes, and not even the profligate dissipation of our heritage rescues us from hard times. That, briefly, is the story. It cannot be blurred over, cannot be evaded or refuted by pious platitudes or by a symphony of misleading statistics. The truth is too stark, too real.

The most desolating indictment of a decade of Mr. Mackenzie King does not come from the mouth of Mr. Bennett. It comes from some official figures of the Government's own Bureau of Statistics. What are they?

In 1921 the population of Canada, according to the Dominion Census, was 8,788,000.

Since the census of 1921 there have been 2,172,622 births, 938,866 deaths, making a natural increase of 1,233,756.

In addition, the number of immigrants reaching Canada since 1921 totalled 1,130,659.

The total population of Canada at the present time, therefore, should be 11,152,455.

But it is not that. It is placed by the Government's Bureau of Statistics at 9,796,800.

We have not even held our natural increase. During ten years of Mr. Mackenzie King we have lost 1,355,655 persons to the United States, to Great Britain, to other lands. Lost more than one-tenth of our entire population. Lost them because we could not

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## New Public Library to be Opened on Saturday Next

Will Have Fifteen Hundred Books to Start With and More Coming; Citizens Have Been Generous With Donations; Reference Library and French Section to be Included

### Car Somersaults And Passengers Escape Injury

Two Local Men Have Thrilling Experience on Highway Near North Bay

To have the motor car in which they were riding turn a complete somersault, and come out of the affair with only slight injuries, was the experience of Cecil Storms and C. F. Tuer, both Haileybury men, on Saturday evening last. The accident happened about five miles this side of North Bay, on the Ferguson Highway, while they were on their way to Barrie. The car is almost a complete wreck, but only minor injuries were suffered by the occupants. Mr. Tuer was hit in the ribs and it was feared at first that one of them had been fractured, but he was able to continue his journey south from North Bay, going by train. Mr. Storms had a cut on the face and a bruise or two. Help was secured from the city after the accident.

Explaining the affair on his return home, Mr. Storms said that a tire going flat on the car caused it to swerve sharply and that when he swung it back towards the road, the steering gear went out of commission and the car shot across the road, hitting a large stone and turning completely over. The fact that he was able to retain his hold on the steering wheel was responsible for saving him from serious injury, Mr. Storms believes, but how Mr. Tuer escaped is one of the mysteries that apparently go with motor accidents.

Saturday, June 21st. is the date set for the opening of the new Haileybury Public Library which has been under way for the past few months. A room on the ground floor of the new community building in connection with the arena has been secured and all will be in readiness for the opening. There will be at least 1500 books on the shelves for a start and arrangements have been made by the Board to add another 200 within a few days.

Application for membership can now be secured from any member of the Board and at the Library on opening day and afterwards. The fee is \$1.00 for adults and 25c for children. The children's applications must be signed by a parent or guardian. Miss Mary Shields has been engaged as librarian and the hours when the library will be open are 3 to 5.30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. (See advertisement in another column).

The Library Board is now arranging a French section, in which novels, encyclopedias and other books of non-fiction will be available in the French language. With the reference section already provided for, this will make the new library a popular institution.

Haileybury citizens have donated over 900 volumes to the library, and the Board is still anxious to secure others. Anyone who has one or more books that they are finished with is asked to communicate with the secretary, Mr. R. H. Unwin, or any member of the Board. Donations received since the last report are:

Prev. acknowledged ..... 876  
Mrs. Stitt ..... 31  
Mrs. Houston ..... 76

Total ..... 983

In addition to the list of books, Mr. D. L. Jemmett has headed a list of voluntary cash contributions with the sum of \$25. This is a splendid start and it is hoped that others will support the library in this way as liberally as possible.

After a month's trial of daylight saving time, the town of Cochrane decided to revert to Standard Time, and the clocks were set back an hour on Sunday night last.

### The Week's Weather

Week ending Wed. June 18th, 8 p.m.

	Max.	Min.
Thurs., 12th	76	50
Fri., 13th	74	59
Sat., 14th	84	62
Sun., 15th	81	63
Mon., 16th	75	60
Wed., 18th	70	59
Tues., 17th	75	58
Total Precipitation	—2.28	in.

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### Haileybury

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