

# A BLAMELESS LIFE ENDED.

Hon. Alexander Mackenzie Passes  
Quietly to His Rest.

## A PAINLESS DEATH.

The End Anticipated by  
His Friends.

### ILLNESS OF MANY WEEKS

The Distinguished Career of  
the Deceased.

LIFE STORY OF THE MAN WHO RULED THE  
DOMINION FOR SEVERAL  
YEARS.

The beautiful Easter Day was saddened for those of the people of Toronto who learned yesterday that early in the hours of Sunday morning Hon. Alexander Mackenzie had passed away. The end came at twenty minutes before 1 o'clock yesterday morning.

For several weeks past the veteran ex-Premier had been fighting a desperate battle with death, and it was the marvel of all that, with a frame enfeebled with years of paralysis and disease, he should have been able to continue the struggle so long. His constitution was originally magnificent, and the strength that remained to him after his long illness gave him still a wonderful tenacity of life.

Mr. Mackenzie had been in extremely feeble health most of the winter, the consequence of a fall which he received early in the new year. His condition became very serious about six weeks ago. It has varied slightly from day to day since then, but seldom improved sufficiently to warrant the hope of a permanent rally. Dr. Thorburn, the friend and physician of the ex-Premier, announced a day or two ago that "the end was near," and it was recognised by the family of the deceased that death might occur at any moment.

Long before this the news of the fatal ill-

ness of the deceased statesman had reached every quarter of the Dominion, and from everywhere came messages of deepest sympathy with the noble woman who for so many years had been a stay and strength to her husband, and who in these last long, painful weeks devoted herself so unremittingly and so bravely to the task of easing his sufferings.

Hardly less than the affection of a wife for her husband was that manifested by Mr. Charles Mackenzie, M.P.P., towards his distinguished brother. Since it became certain that the ex-Premier could not recover Mr. Charles Mackenzie had been almost constantly in the residence of the deceased at 82 St. Alban's street, and by his presence, his sympathy, and above all by reason of his intense and loyal devotion to his brother, he greatly lessened the burden that the shadow of her husband's approaching death had already thrown upon Mrs. Mackenzie. For several days preceding his death Mr. Mackenzie had been unconscious and had taken no nourishment. He suffered little or no pain, but his strength lessened gradually until on Friday night last the faithful attendants at his bedside felt that any moment might be his last. On Saturday the pulse became hardly perceptible, and the last spark of life disappeared shortly after midnight. Besides the widow and brother, there were present at the death-bed the daughter of deceased, Mrs. Thompson, and her husband, Rev. Dr. Thompson of Sarnia.

The news of Mr. Mackenzie's death did not become generally known in the city yesterday. The pastors of a number of churches became aware of it, and in most instances it formed a feature of their discourses morning or evening; but apart from this it remained unknown to the people of Toronto generally, though for several days it has necessarily been anticipated.

A few of the personal friends of the deceased were, of course, notified at once by telephone and otherwise, and among these was the Attorney-General of Ontario. Mr. Mowat immediately wired Sir John Thompson concerning the sad event, and received the following telegram in reply:—"The House will be asked to adjourn Tuesday without transacting business as a mark of respect for the memory and public services of Mr. Mackenzie."

The following message of sympathy was received from the aide-de-camp of the Governor-General:—"Their Excellencies desire to express their sincere sympathy with Mrs. Mackenzie."

The Secretary of State, Hon. J. C. Patterson, also telegraphed Mrs. Mackenzie as follows:—"Please accept my most sincere condolence. The whole country sympathises with you in your great bereavement."

The arrangements for the funeral have been placed in the hands of Mr. Robert Jaffray and Mr. T. C. Irving, and it is understood they will be as follows:—The