NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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Our Ottawa Letter.

over two years Canada morns the death | form a government the Governor-General of a premier. It is when death inter- has availed himself of the best material venes and takes out of our hand the at his disposal. There were four to work we had designed for ourselves that | choose from-Bowell, Haggart and the we forget all those qualities we were two Tuppers. Foster was never in the wont to condemn and remember only race. Although active for a man of his those traits in which we saw good. In | years, Mr. Bowell, at the age of seventythe battle of political life it is not usual one, is not likely to be found possessed for us to parade the good qualities of our of the same power of enderance and opponents, leaving them for others to energy we would look for in a discover and hold up as an offset sgainst | younger man. He is an extreme prothose qualities more likely to provoke ad- | tectionist, and considerable interest will verse criticism. This is the fact the world | now be directed towards him to see over.

had set out to do. It has gone further, evident wishes of the country for a modfor it has forever removed from our erate and lower customs tariff. At the midst one of the most brilliant legal | time of writing it is impossible to say minds Canada has ever claimed. As a | what the result of the ministerial crisis politician Sir John Thompson may be will be, or whether the reorganization of said to have only partially succeeded, the Cabinet will involve many or any but as a judicial mind he had no peers, material changes. Nova Scotia, of He was a man of sterling integrity and course, gets a new minister. Some little honor at heart but unfortunately he was | time ago it was pointed out that possibly surrounded by those who were less scru- | Sir John Thompson would resign, and pulous and whose counsels too often pre- that on the appointment of his successor vailed. The fact must not be lost sight | the latter might demand a dissolution of that since Sir John Thompson took | and an immediate appeal to the country command of the ship of state, a vessel on the old lists. It is possible that this that years before had shown strong evidence of rotten timber, the task of keeping her afloat has been one surrounded with innumerable difficulties and perils. It has not been plain sailing, and in addition to her water logged condition only the greatest amount of strategy prevented lost or found anything, or if you want to her being dashed on the rocks long ago. Extreme and questionable methods alone kept her afloat and averted the disaster with which she has repeatedly been threatened during the past few years. It | each insertion, or ten cents a wordfor six was in emergencies like these when Sir John Thompson shrank from party duty. The work was distasteful to him and often it was apparent to the most casual observer in the House of Commons who listened to the late premier defending a weak cause that it was a great struggle within him whether or not he should yield to the dictates of his finer impulses or sacrifice those interests to save his party from further disgrace, possibly ruin. But alas these finer instincts in a good man's character become warped and hardened in time by constant contact with characters like some of those with whom Sir John had surrounded himself.

The corrupting influence of evil association and communication did not give him immunity although he lought hard against it. Having come to the rescue of the sinking ship he had but one of two alternatives to choose from ; desert her or patch her up with any available material, good or bad, whatever might come to hand, in the hope of getting her safe to shore. It was in the selection of some of this material that Sir John Thompson committed the error of his life. Once it became part of the structure it must remain or the whole fabric would fall to pieces.

Under such conditions and with such surroundings the inner life of Sir John was far from a happy one. There are politicians who delight in intrigue and the more latitude they find for practicing their political methods of warfare the more agreeable to them is their work, Such was not the case with Sir John Thompson. He wished to prove to the ! world that there might be honesty in politics and he might have succeeded under other conditions, but with the crowd with whom he took counsel he

We are not inclined to linger long over the grave of a political opponent when he falls by the hand we directed against him, but when to us does not belong the victory we reflect for a moment upon his good qualities, forgetting those we, in the heat of political warfare, were ever ready to condemn.

failed to demonstrate the fact and no one

regretted it more than himself.

LEFT PENNILESS. A word as to the unfortunate condition in which we find the family of the late premier. The highest tribute that can be paid to the memory of the leading politician who dies in harness to day is to be able to say "he died a poor man." That may truthfully be said of the deceased premier, "a poor man" in all that the words imply. He did not enter politics for what he could make out of it, otherwise a different story would have been told. Had he devoted his ability to his legal profession fame and fortune awaited him. While we have differed with him politically, and without admitting or endorsing the soundness of his political judgment, would it not be a fitting tribute for Liberals and Conservatives alike to join hands in urging Parlia ment to make some provision for the widow and orphans, he has left behind, as a recognition of his great ability, a Canadian of whose abilities all Canadians of every stripe of politics may justly feel proud. Let us not carry our political feelings to the grave. He served the state, whether wisely or well let us no longer discuss, but in extending our sym- liver addresses on the construction and patby to the bereaved ones do so with a willing heart and forgiving spirit. It is dairying and swine feeding, also on grain no exaggeration to say that the family of growing, fruit growing, the care of live late premier has been left penniless, and to the credit of the country let it be said that as Canadians we do not permit the widow and orphans to walk out to fight the battles of this selfish world without our lending them a helping hand in their | the "Spraying of Fruit Trees," to be introsmiction.

THE FUTURE.

But the world goes on. Neither our regrets, nor our corrows, nor our commiserations will check it, and for the future we must provide. We find selfish motives prompting us again, and we stop to ask what effect the death of the late premier is likely to have on the political future of the country. We question ourselves, for we are as well able to supply the answer as to expect any one else to supply it for us at the present moment. It is all problematical. There, however, appears to be a concensus of opinion that For the second time within a little in sending Hon. Mackenzie Bowell to whether he will assert his views, now the Death has now accomplished what we opportunity is given him, against the may follow now. "Be ready."

The third page of the Toronto Daily Mail is noted for "Want" advertisements. If you want a situation, a mechanic, a business, machinery, lodging, if you have find out where anyone is, advertise in the Toronto Daily Mail, and read the advertisements on the third page of that paper. The charge is two cents a word insertions. Address The Mail, Toronto, Canada.

Obituary. One of the old landmarks of Markham has passed away in the person of David Byer, who died at his late residence, Lot 23, 8th Con. Markham, on December 10th, 1894, in the 74th year of his age. He was born on March 3rd, 1820, on the farm on which he lived his lifetime, and on which he died. Mr. Byer was best known to the general public as the "Cancer Doctor." Having come into possession of a valuable formula and posses sing the native abilities necessary, Mr. Byer started about 20 years ago to treat cancers and he has been eminently successful, and though he never advertised, and though he met with opposition from (some) medical men, his house was often like an bospital, and patients came from as far west as British Columbia, and south as Virginia. Mr. Byer was also a veteran apiarist, his honey crop of late years running into tons. I think it is a pity he did not give the benefit of his large experience to the Bee Journal; it would have been valuable to amateurs. In his earlier life he was connected with the (old) Mennonite Church. About forty years ago he joined the River Brethren (or Tunkers) of which he remained a member until his death. While in his temporal offsire Mr. Byer was very progressive, his farm and apiary being equipped with all the latest improvements, yet in his religious views he was rigidly conservative, and viewed the elightest innovation with suspicion and alarm. As with the lapse of time some slight, but necessary, changes had taken place in the church, he with his family were making preparations to nuite with the York Brethren, a small sect existing in York Co., Pa., holding views identical with their own. Two weeks before his death he caught a severe cold which developed into inflammation of the lungs. The funeral services were held on Thursday morning last in the Mennonite church. Rev.B. Holmer, of Roseville, Ont., a York Brethren Minister, assisted by others, preached a sermon to a large congregation .- Com. Farmers' Institute.

inst., and was well attended, the members manifesting great interest in the proceedings. The president, S. Kennedy, Esq., occapied the chair, and among those present were Jas. G. Paterson, W. A. Paterson, F. Glendenning, W. H. Paterson, W.S. Walton, Thos. Gray, J. Marshall, Wm Johnson, G. J. Kennedy, Thos. Crawford, Jas. Maxwell, T. A. Paterson, Robt. Clark, Wm. Young, R. Galbraith, H. Kennedy, E. Wood, Wm. Oliver, S. Rennie, Geo. Elliott, M. Elliott, J. L. Paterson, Thos. Paterson, J. Kennedy, the Sec'y, J. C. Clark, and others. The Sec'y, J. C. Clark, gave a report of a meeting of the directors at which they had decided to hold the winter mass meeting at Agincourt, and had the O. A, C. for the usual number of speakers to assist, and had recommended the Supt. having in hand the arrangements for the meetings the names of E. Wood, S. Rennie, A. J. Reynolds, L. E. Annis, J. Leadley, Jos. Armstrong, W.Scott, J. Pike and the Sec'y, J. C. Clark, to address meetings or prepare suitable papers, and had submitted mixed farming, cattle feeding, dairying, fruit growing and weeds injurious to farmers as subjects most likely to interest these who would be in attendance. A circular was read from F. W. Hodson, Supt. of Farmers' Institutes, to the effect that the mass meeting would be held at Agincourt,

on the 4th and 5th of Jan., and that three

delegates would be sent from the O. A. C.,)

and Good Roads Association, who would de-

maintenance of roads and drainage, on

stock, &c. The subject of "The Advisabil-

ity of Establishing Creameries," was then

taken up and discussed in a vigorous and

practical manner. The next meeting will

be held at Agincourt on Wednesday, Dec.

26th, when the subject for discussion will be

duced by Geo. Elliott,

The first meeting of the East York Farm-

ers' Institute for the season 1894-95 was

held at Agincourt on Monday, the 10th

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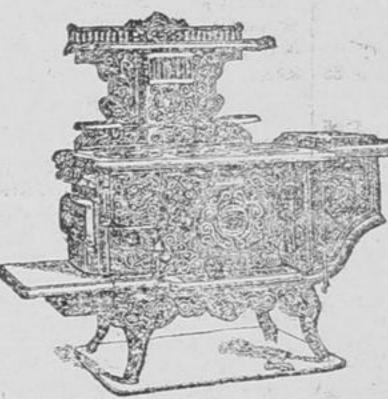
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