

Laurier a Great Leader and Orator Died Today

SIR WILFRID LAURIER PASSED AWAY TO-DAY AT OTTAWA

The Veteran Liberal Leader Suffered a Stroke of Paralysis on Sunday—His Hours Were Numbered.

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At 10.15 o'clock this morning the doctors in attendance on Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated they did not expect the aged statesman to live more than two hours.

Growing Weaker.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, Feb. 17.—At 12.40 o'clock to-day, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has lapsed into unconsciousness. His pulse had grown very weak and the paralysis was extending on the left side...

At 2.45 o'clock Sir Wilfrid was reported still weaker. It was while crossing Sunday morning that Sir Wilfrid suffered a stroke of paralysis, from the effects of which he did not regain consciousness for some minutes.

Sir Wilfrid attended the meeting of the Canadian Club on Saturday, at which M. Savit discussed the relations of Jugoslavina and Italy. He was deeply interested, and after the lecture remained for a time at the clubroom with M. Savit...

The news of his illness was received with general regret by members of both political parties, and it was evident that among members of the Government as well as the Opposition there is a great personal affection for the veteran statesman.

In Government circles word of Sir Wilfrid's illness is received with the deepest regret. Although differing from him on vital political issues, members of the Government have always held Sir Wilfrid in high personal regard.

Who Will Succeed Him? In some quarters here it is thought that Hon. W. S. Fielding may take the temporary leadership. Mr. Fielding was returned by acclamation as a Liberal supporter of Union Government...

Should Mr. Fielding not feel himself in a position to accept the temporary leadership, choice will probably lie between the three ex-cabinet ministers on the Opposition side of the House—Hons. Dr. Betand, Rodolphe Lemieux and Charles Murphy...

grata to the farmers as well as to the workers of Canada. Sir Wilfrid was to have presided at a convention of representative Liberals from all parts of Canada soon after the beginning of the present session.

Sketch of the Deceased. Sir Wilfrid's family came from Arzon in France and settled in the county of L'Assomption, Quebec province, and it was at St. Lin that Sir Wilfrid was born on the 20th of November, 1841.

It was not long, however, before he was able to begin the practice of the law in his new home, and he speedily built up a large business. It was not likely that abilities of so high an order as his would be long overlooked by the leaders of the Liberal party...

Those who were present on 30th March, 1877, when the address was moved in reply to the Speech from the Throne witnessed a remarkable display of oratory by the new member. Mr. Laurier entered Mr. MacKenzie's cabinet as Minister of Inland Revenue in September, 1877, and was defeated when he went back for re-election...

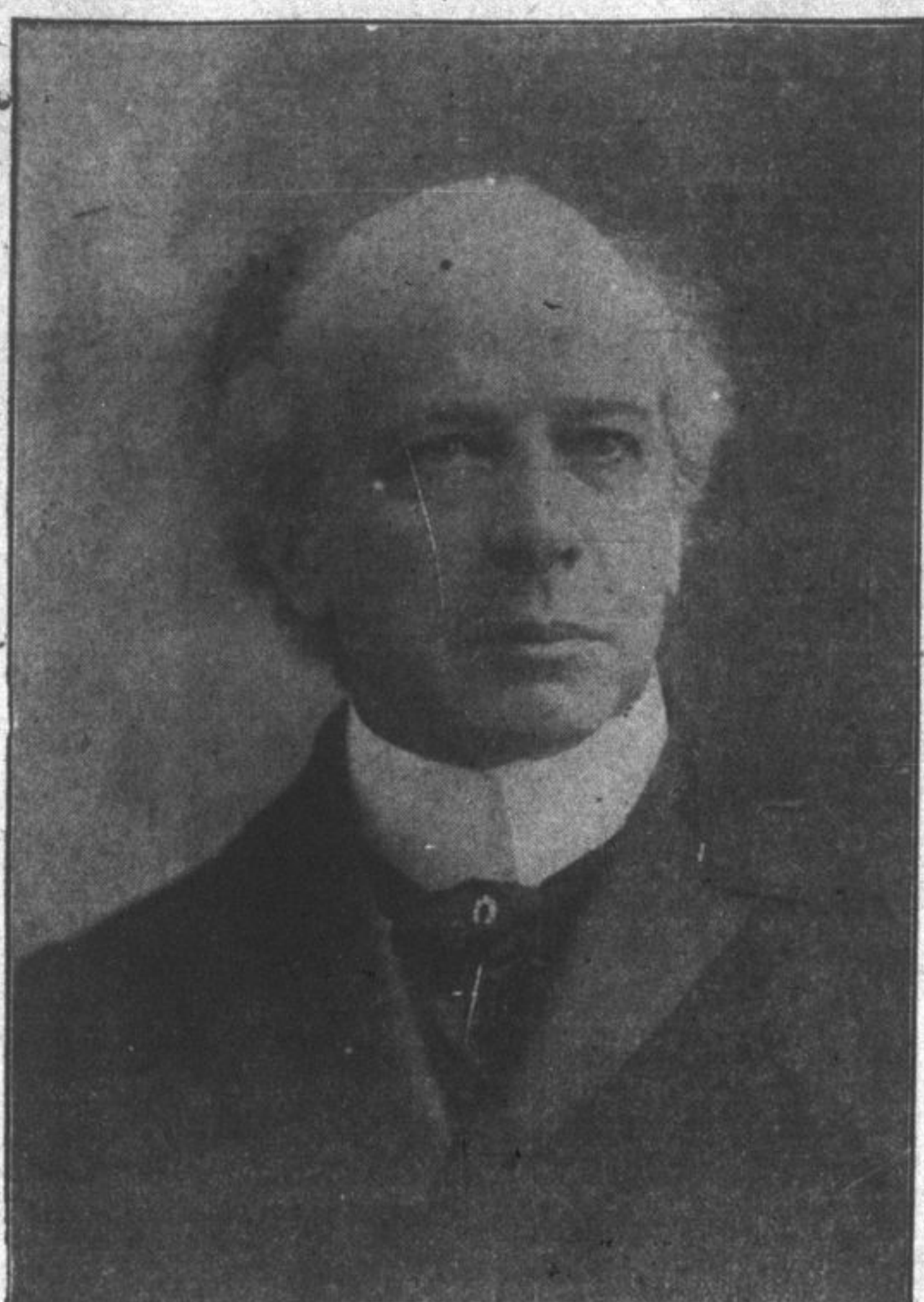
Mr. Laurier led his party at the polls, but Sir John A. Macdonald's Government was returned. In 1896 Laurier carried the Liberals to power, and also won at the general election of 1900, 1904 and 1908. In 1911 he accepted a challenge to go to the people on the reciprocity issue, and his Government was defeated in December, 1917...

EXTRA BULLETIN. Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, leader of the Liberal party of Canada for many years, died at his home, on Laurier avenue, at 2.50 o'clock this afternoon. Death was due to paralysis, the first attack of which he experienced at noon yesterday...

The late rites of the Catholic church were administered during the night by the Rev. Lefune, of the Sacred Heart Church. Many personal friends gathered at his home after the news of his serious illness became known...

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HARD FIGHT IN NORTH ONTARIO

Majority on Either Side in Tuesday's By-Election Likely Small.

BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT

THREE CABINET MINISTERS IN RIDING SATURDAY NIGHT

Criticize the Leaders of the United Farmers Because of Their Hostility to the Union Government. Cambridge, Feb. 17.—Ministers of the Ontario Government and party organizers are doing the hardest kind of work to insure the return of Major Harry S. Cameron to the Legislature as North Ontario's representative in to-morrow's by-election...

There were three speakers—the two ministers and the Conservative candidate—and each of them eagerly criticized the leaders of the United Farmers, and Mr. Widdifield particularly, because of their hostility to Union Government during the Federal election.

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NEW PROPOSALS ARE LIKELY TO BE MADE

In Bringing Together the Various Factions Operating in Russia.

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NATURE'S HIGHWAY BEST THE GOVERNMENT MUST DECIDE ON TERMINAL PORT. Kingston Must Keep Up the Agitation—A Fine Dinner Tendered by the City to Hon. Mr. Carvell.

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ECONOMIC POINTS TO GET PRIORITY

Delegates Agreed Vital Work is to Get World Back to Normal.

HURRY INTERIM TREATY

IN ORDER TO PREVENT SERIOUS DISTURBANCES

And So That Starvation May Not Prevail—Germany Has Enough Food Until March. Paris, Feb. 17.—With the League of Nations temporarily disposed of, the peace delegates are directing their efforts toward effecting a definite preliminary peace with Germany, which will enable general demobilization and resumption of normal industry and commerce throughout the world.

That some such programme will be partially arranged under the new provisions for extension of the armistice is hinted at in certain official quarters. These provisions will be presented to the Germans by Marshal Foch at Treves to-day. Considerable additional work must be done to perfect the plan, however, and toward this end the newly-created peace conference council will cooperate closely with the supreme war council.

Lenin Wants to Send Delegates to Moscow Conference. Helsingfors, Feb. 17.—A split has been produced in the members of the Moscow Central Soviet by the Bolshevik vote to the Allies accepting the invitation to the conference on Prinkipo Island. Lenin and the majority want a conference, even though they think it is bound to transform the Bolshevik policy into one of comparative moderation.

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THE WORLD'S TIDINGS IN BRIEF FORM

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pointed and Pithy Way.

Hockey at Montreal: Canadiens, 5; Toronto Arenas, 8. The Supreme Council is again considering the Russian problem. "Jack" Johnson, former champion pugilist, is "broke" in Madrid, Spain.

The next Imperial Press Conference will be held in Canada early in the autumn of 1920. The public of Munich, Bavaria, is trying to drown its misery in an orgy of amusement. Lloyd George has called a conference of capital and labor to settle industrial disturbances.

Lord Beaverbrook successfully underwent a serious operation. His condition is satisfactory. The 1933 Victory bonds passed the 102 mark in Friday's trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

The Dominion Government proposes a vigorous policy of railway construction in the Prairie Provinces. Senator Robertson told Labor men at Toronto that the unemployment situation would be over in sixty days. Such a refusal extension of time for the Germans, and they sign the new armistice conditions under protest.

The American destroyers Aylwin and Wickes have landed an Allied commission at Danzig to inspect the shipping there. The Republic has been restored in Northern Portugal, and Piava Concelheiro, leader of the Monarchists, has been arrested.

Sir Ernest Cassel, the well known financier, has placed in the hands of trustees half a million pounds sterling for educational purposes. Action is begun to recover money spent by Burford Township Council on a deputation of farmers to Ottawa to protest against conscription.

Montreal Anglican synod adopted a resolution sympathizing with the Jews in Poland and protesting against the Polish Government's treatment of them. The control of the Montreal Financial Times Publishing Company, Limited, has passed to R. E. Cox, president of the Financial News Bureau of Canada.

Premier Sir Tomer Gouin and his colleagues in the Quebec Government have been deluged with telegrams asking for beer and wines to be permitted. The British and Canadian Red Cross organizations at Vladivostok have been amalgamated and placed in charge of the Canadian commissioner, Col. J. B. Dennis.

Chief of Police Stelmio, of Brantford, reports that the foreigners in that city, numbering a tenth of the population, are responsible for a fourth of the crime. Col. W. P. Anderson, who has occupied the post of chief engineer of the Department of Marine and Fisheries for the past thirty-seven years, has applied for superannuation.

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SPARTACANS MAKE RAID On Gelsenkirchen in Westphalia and Plunder City. (Canadian Press Despatch) Berlin, Feb. 17.—Spartacan troops from nearby towns marched into Gelsenkirchen in Westphalia, early Sunday and overpowered the local military and police forces, a portion of which went over to the Spartacans. Plundering of the city followed.

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Is Policy of Government in Expenditure of Public Money.

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TO THE CANADIAN CLUB ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

"We Must Keep the People Employed," He Declared—Hopeful That War Conditions Will Soon Become Normal.

That the policy of the Government in its expenditure of public money until the country gets back to a peace basis would be to provide employment for the men in places where it was needed, was the outstanding statement of Hon. F. B. Carvell, addressing the Kingston Canadian Club, at the luncheon held in the Frontenac Club, on Saturday, at which J. G. Elliott, the president of the club, presided.

"We must keep the people employed," said Mr. Carvell. "This policy should ever be kept as our guiding star. We must keep at our work, keep cool, labor and capital must get together, all differences between capital and labor must be settled and our policy should be a progressive one. I feel sure that the conditions brought about by the war will soon become normal."

In introducing Hon. Mr. Carvell, Mr. Elliott said the club was indeed honored in having him present and deliver an address. Mr. Elliott paid a warm tribute to the service he had rendered to his country. "He is a man who has stood for country rather than for any other principle," said Mr. Elliott. "He has been true to Canadianism and to the British Empire."

Hon. Mr. Carvell said that he was glad to have had the opportunity of visiting Kingston and of making an inspection of the harbor. He remarked that the harbor was a fine one and that the city was a beautiful one. He said that he was very glad to see the harbor and the city and that he was very glad to see the harbor and the city.

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- WHIG CONCERNS. 1.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier Dying; Hard Fight in North Ontario; Getting World Back to Normal; Carvell's Address to Canadian Club. 2.—Soul Play Suspected at Paris; Incidents of the Day. 3.—St. Andrew's Anniversary; Two Expert Died at Brockville. 4.—Editorials; Kingston's Housing Problem; Kingston Needs New Library. 5.—Death of Col. Callaghan; News at the Theatre; C. W. Reynolds' Verdict Dead. 6.—Innocent News; Ostacities. 7.—Classified Papers; Quizzes and Other Announcements. 8.—Military; Theatrical. 9.—Food Board; Convention at Ottawa; Carvell Spoke on Labor Matters. 10.—In the Realm of Women; Carvell at Canadian Club. 11.—Victorious Canadians at Namur; "Theater." 12.—In World of Sport; Mott and Jeff Cartoon.