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IN MEMORIAM

MRS. MACKINNON.

On Tuesday, Aug. 31, 1915, the spirit of one of the oldest and most respected ladies of North River passed from time to eternity viz that of Mrs. Archibald MacKinnon at the age of 81 years. For a number of years she had been a sufferer from rheumatism yet all was patiently borne because she trusted in God who makes all things work together for good to those who put their trust in him. The funeral service, which was very impressive, was conducted by Mr. M. C. MacKinnon. The late Mrs. MacKinnon, leaves to mourn a husband, one son and five daughters. The pall bearers were the five brothers of the deceased, viz. Messrs. Donald E. Angus, Ewen, John and Neil Campbell and Mr. John Stewart.

Only the footprints of Angels That silently entered the door And took from our home a dear mother To dwell on that radiant shore. (Patriot please copy.)

MRS J. S. BOYD.

The death of Catherine, wife of Mr. J. Sutton Boyd, editor of the Moncton Times, occurred this (Friday) afternoon, about 2 o'clock. The deceased lady was sixty years of age, and has been in failing health for the past ten or twelve years, her trouble being arterial sclerosis. About two years ago her illness took a bad turn, from which she partly recovered. Again about five or six weeks ago Mrs Boyd's case became serious, since which time she has been confined to her bed. Yesterday she was unusually bright and cheerful, but suddenly collapsed this morning while sitting up in bed, and passed away about 2 o'clock. The late Mrs Boyd was formerly Miss Catherine Minto, a native of St. John's, Newfoundland; where her father died. The family afterwards moved to Charlottetown, P.E.I., and later to Moncton. The family of brothers and sisters all predeceased her. She leaves, besides her husband, four children, L. T. of Winnipeg, Robert of Vancouver, Mrs Gow of Calgary and Miss Marjorie at home.—Moncton Transcript, Sept. 3.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

VICTORIA.

A. Acom, Souris; Geo. Thompson, Montague; S. Clarke, Mt Stewart; J. Rogers, Summerside; H. Cox, Morell; J. Wheeler and family, Boston; A. McDonald, Montague; J. Thompson, Halifax; J. Christie, St John; T. Hudson, Pictou; Robt. Smith, New Glasgow; F. Wright, St. Louis, U.S.; D. Carey, Ottawa; E. Eughland and wife, Toledo, Ohio; Mr and Mrs R. McDonald, Antigonish; Chas. A. McDonald, St. John; R. Stanley, H. Hollund, Toronto; L. Blackwell, Lindsay, Ont.; D. L. Hertz, Boston.

QUEEN.

A. J. McNeil, Murray Harbour; John McNally, Summerside; Jas. McNally, J. Gaudet, Egmont Bay; E. McKenzie, Flat River; Rev. H. Brown, Murray Harbour; W. S. Hanna; Mrs G. Grant, Francis Grant, Halifax; Mrs M. Myers, Mrs J. Richards, Victoria; A. McConeilly, Sydney; P. Wilson, St John; W. McKay.

CORRECTING MARGIE.

The other night at dinner a little girl, surprised her mother by saying, "I'm not struck on this bread." "Margie," said her mother, reprovingly, "you want to cut that slang out." "That's a peach of a way of correcting a child," remarked the father. "I know," replied the mother, "but I just wanted to put her wise."

PRESIDENT SUSPENDER
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GREAT POLITICAL RALLY IN THE PEOPLE'S THEATRE

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Mr. C. Gavin Duffy followed. He congratulated Mr. Higgs and himself on the fact that neither had a political record to explain away nor apologies to offer for sins of omission or commission. Unlike Dr. Jenkins they had not to come to that audience and offer excuses for having failed to attend to their duties as representatives of the city of Charlottetown and Royalty. He presented them on behalf of Mr. Higgs and himself that the electors returned them on September 14th, they would not come back four years hence like Dr. Jenkins on the present occasion, and apologise for having failed to attend to the interests of their constituents. Having dealt at some length with the debt of the province and the surplus claimed by the Government, Mr. Duffy proceeded to give credit to Mr. J. J. Hughes for having provided the reason which enabled the Mathieson Government to obtain the \$100,000 subsidy, and also to give credit to Mr. "Ned" McDonald, M.P. for Pictou, for discovering the means by which the representation of the province was maintained at four. Having proved to his own satisfaction that these two opponents of the Borden Government were the benefactors of the province, Mr. Duffy proceeded to discuss the programme of public works carried through by the Mathieson Government and said it was not to the Mathieson Government but to the people of the Island that credit was due for the magnificent conditions in which the roads were at the present time. Mr. Duffy then proceeded to give an account of the political history of the province as represented by the doings in the House of Commons at Ottawa and concluded on the same note on which he had begun, that if he and Mr. Higgs were returned to the legislature they would not return four years hence and offer similar apologies to those of Dr. Jenkins for failing to attend to the interests of their constituents.

The next speaker was Mr. James Paton, who gave a brief but weighty address in which he demonstrated convincingly the total incapacity of the Opposition candidates and the futility of their efforts to secure election. He thanked the electors, in the first place, for all the honors they had conferred in the past in electing him to the City Council, and assured them that should they similarly honour him in the present election he would strive to merit, as much as he did then, the confidence of the community. He dealt in a few remarks, which spoke volumes, with the speech which he had made in the past, and while that gentleman had spent all his time in fatuous fault-finding, he never suggested what the Liberal party proposed to do should it be returned to power. He asked the question, did they want a progressive or an unprogressive Government? In regard to the subsidy question he quoted from the "Patriot" to show conclusively and without the slightest doubt, that the previous Government had failed to secure anything because of incapable representation of the Island's claim. Mr. Paton reviewed briefly the excellent record of the Government during the past 1 1/2 years and answered effectively every trifling criticism as Mr. Duffy had made. He bespoke for himself and his colleague the support of the electors on the 16th.

Mr. Higgs on rising was received with generous applause. He thanked the citizens for the courteous manner in which he was treated during his campaign. It stirred his heart to feel that he had the respect of his fellow citizens. He had been asked why he had accepted nomination. He looked upon it as a duty incumbent on every man to offer to serve his King and country. He was seeking their suffrages on the 16th. He had had many offers to leave this Island. On several occasions he had been offered a much better position and better remuneration. The little Island was dear to his heart. He had travelled through busy hives of industry, away beyond, into the boundless prairie lands, through the sun-kissed hills of golden grain, up through the white-capped peaks of the Rocky Mountains. As he stood on that great peak he cried aloud: "What is man that thou art mindful of him?" (Laughter, in which Mr. Higgs joined.)

He came before them, Mr. Higgs continued, dropping back to earth again, to have an opportunity of collecting the support of every voter present on the 16th. Mr. Higgs then gave a history of the Government of the province since the time of Confederation, for the benefit of the younger men of the audience. In 1891, when the Conservative Government was turned out of power, they left a debt of \$21,000, and this with the capitalised interest, the amount they drew from Ottawa and the wharves they sold, would in his opinion, represent about \$1,072,000, or exactly the amount of the deficit the present Government said they succeeded to in 1911. This, Mr. Higgs said, meant that in spite of their limited revenues, the Liberals had carried on the Government for 21 years without incurring any debt to add to the liabilities they succeeded to in 1891. Mr. Higgs proceeded to discuss the question of surpluses and argued that the external auditors had not taken into consideration the assets left by the Liberal Government when they prepared their statement of liabilities. He gave a list of the public buildings, etc., provided under the Liberal regime, but neglected to mention that these, for the most part, were provided by the Dominion, not the local Government. He claimed that the Government should return to the City Council the \$5,000 collected in income tax from the city of Charlottetown. Mr. Higgs concluded with a poetic vision, in which he saw "hills in the air a pair of huge scales, in one side of which the Liberal candidates were seen "going down, down, down," and in the other the Mathieson Government was "going up, up, up." Amid shouts of laughter in which the whole audience joined, Mr. Higgs resumed his seat evidently well satisfied with his oratorical effort.

The Premier, Hon. J. A. Mathieson, was the next speaker. He was given a tremendous and enthusiastic ovation. In the short time at his disposal he gave a splendid review of the work of the Government during the past three and a half years, dealing



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with the criticisms, such as they were, of Messrs. Duffy and Higgs and showing how fallacious their contentions were. He said:

I realize by the closing remarks of the last speaker that it must be getting very late for he is already dreaming dreams. He has seen visions of a scale suspended in the air, with the Government in one pan being kicked up, and in the other pan, I suppose, himself and his colleague, going down, down! (Laughter.) I was wondering whether this was Ottawa or Charlottetown, as most of the time, it seemed to me, his eye was turned to Ottawa. He was dealing with things that emanate from that capital and not from Charlottetown; and I believe he has as much chance on the 16th of being elected for Charlottetown as he has of being elected for Ottawa. (Laughter.) They may approach there the wonderful eighth of Mr. Higgs sees in the sunrise, and I know there is a market there for poetry; but tonight we are more concerned with politics. Before I forget Mr. Duffy having spoken, because it is some time ago, I am going to take up my first remark. He says that Dr. Jenkins was guilty of utter neglect of duty in failing to attend the Legislature at the last session. That is not a good way for a young man to enter into the field of politics. Dr. Jenkins is a man who, in his private life and in his public life, has never been charged with neglect of duty. (Applause.) I know he has devoted to the representation of this city all the time and energy that could be expected from any man. (Cheers.) It is true that last session he was not in his seat in the House, and if any of you ladies or gentlemen were sitting in the House you would see his seat draped with the British flag and a sign showing that he was absent on his country's service. He was performing the highest duty that devolves upon citizens of this country. He was serving his King and Country by doing his part in connection with the strengthening our armies, doing that part without which our forces would succeed but ill. (Cheers.) He was charged with the most important and honorable service, in re-organizing and re-arranging the military hospitals of the City of Halifax. It was an honor to Prince Edward Island that they should apply to the medical profession of this Province when they wanted a man for a service exceedingly difficult, and should send to Charlottetown and to the King of the Islands. (Laughter and applause.) Is there one so devoid of that spirit of loyalty that he would suggest we should have held him back? And yet he is the man Mr. Duffy now wishes to impugn, simply because he was rendering the highest service to his Country and King? Mr. Duffy says it is in the air that victory is about to perch upon them. There are a great many things in the air, and a great many poisonous gases that emanate from the poisonous gas-bag in the Patriot office, and Mr. Duffy and his colleagues who are in that scale Mr. Higgs saw. (Laughter and applause.) Mr. Duffy passes on and undertakes to tell you a number of things. You know we got \$100,000 of increased subsidy at Ottawa. Mr. Duffy and the Patriot school say Mr. Higgs of Souris got that. (Laughter.) We got the decline of our representation, which had been going on continuously since Confederation, stopped. Ned McDonald, of Pictou, did that, he says. (Renewed laughter.) Both men were endeavoring, during all the years we were in opposition, to get a statement showing not only what was paid out and what was received, but also what was unpaid; and we never could get that statement; and we made up our minds, as soon as we got over, we would render an account of every dollar we were in opposition to each year; and we have carried that faithfully out every year. (Cheers.) With the result that in the three and a half years we were in power we were able to reduce the liabilities of the Province by \$39,000. No man that has any regard for truth or honesty or his own reputation can deny that every figure of that is true. What did our opponents do then, who are seeking now to have the treasury placed at their disposal again? In all their 20 years of power did they ever make one single surplus? Did they ever pay one dollar in reduction of debt? No; not one. But every year they plunged the Province deeper and deeper into debt to the tune of an average of \$45,000 a year. In the three years and a half which have just passed there has been this charge, that the deficit of \$45,000 a year has been stopped and in its place established a surplus of \$30,000. (Applause.) While they would deny it when the books are not at hand, when they are brought face to face with the records they have to sit silent and dumb. They dare not deny it. Do you not think it was worth while, for that one thing alone, to change the Government on the second day of December, 1911? We had been sliding down into the abyss, and not one productive asset was to be found to represent the income of the debt. We were pursuing the bankrupt's course and we would meet at the end with the bankrupt's fate. It would take us many years to recover the ground lost in those twenty years. If that were all, I think there is not one person, who wishes this Province well, who would not say it was fortunate day when that change took place; and the men who desire now to take the Government out of our hands and give it back to those who were carrying the

Province to ruin, have a wonderful amount of assurance. The Government here is like a Board of Directors. That old Board of Directors managed your affairs for twenty years, during which time they ran the Province deeper and deeper into debt. The new Board stopped the annual loss and built up a profitable surplus; and now the old Board comes back and says "Let us get at the money you have put into the treasury." For what purpose? Is it to serve your interests? The men who nearly ruined you now that the treasury has been filled and flourishing surplus established—ask you to put them back. People who come from the dark ages into the light are not liable to go back into the dark again. Let me deal with some of the statements made by Mr. Duffy. He said that we promised if we carried power that we would do away with taxation. We never promised anything of the kind, but we said, "If you had done your duty and read the conditions of Confederation aright, you would have gone to Ottawa long ago and said to them that we entered Confederation on the understanding that you should receive a sum sufficient to enable us to carry on our public services without resort to taxation." And if they had presented our claims as we presented them we would not have had need for taxation.

Mr. Duffy says we put a tax upon foxes. That was a new tax, he says. If Mr. Duffy had read the Statute he would have seen there was a tax on incomes and a tax on foxes long before the Government came into our hands. The rate of taxation was 1 1/2 per cent, but it was borne entirely by the people of the province. We lowered the rate to one per cent, and made it fall upon all persons outside the province who owned shares or interest in foxes, and the result was a lower rate of taxation and an equitable payment, with an increased revenue. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Higgs comes forward with a theory. He is going to take the income tax and give it to Charlottetown. I have read the manifesto of the Leader of the Liberal party, the man who stands a little higher in the party than Mr. Higgs does and I find nothing about that. That is just a little personal notion of his. (Laughter.) He is not going to be leader of the party for some time—(laughter)—as there are some twenty-eight others who all think they have as good a claim to the leadership as Mr. Higgs. (Laughter.) So that when he tells you that he is going to do and you see it is not in the platform you can let Mr. Higgs go and take another vision. (Unpopular laughter.) The strange thing about it is that the very income tax was proposed by the party Mr. Higgs supports, every dollar just as it stands to-day; we never changed it at all, except that we made the exemptions from taxation larger and excluded the clergymen and school teachers from its operations. (Applause.) He does not know what father of the tax is, and he would

abuse the child. (Laughter.)

Mr. Higgs also made a statement as to what he would do to the people who came into Charlottetown to work. I have been in the Legislature 15 years and nearly every session a petition would come up from the City Council asking to have every person outside taxed who came in to work in Charlottetown; every time it was turned down by the Government. Last year the same bill was presented to us. The members from the country all objected to having their constituents taxed if they came to Charlottetown, and it was a well-known thing that the bill was liable to cause trouble in the House. When the bill came in last year we gave the workmen what they never got before. We could not get the bill through in its original form on account of the interest the countrymen had in safeguarding their own constituents; but we put it through so that every person who did not belong to the province was subject to the tax the City asked us to impose; and for the first time in the history of Charlottetown that power is now vested in the City Council—whether they enforce it or not is a matter which concerns themselves and not the Government. (Loud and continued applause.) I don't know how far that satisfies the working men of Charlottetown, but let them take this to heart, that it is the first benefit of the kind they have received from any legislature. (Cheers.)

I think it was Mr. Duffy who said that the people built the roads. How did he expect it to be built, except by live people who live in the country? The ghosts that haunt the imagination of Mr. Higgs could not do it. (Laughter.) Would Mr. Duffy send abroad for foreign workmen? For heaven's sake, send to the Legislature some men who are practical! Some of those gentlemen, when he was making one of his flights of oratory, made a violent objection to "Rogersism." He did not like the Rogers! (Laughter.) And I wondered then who his leader was and what his name might be.

MR. DUFFY: It is not Bob.

THE PREMIER: No, it is Ben; and between the two I think you have taken the poorer choice. (Applause and considerable laughter.) We have had some experience of Mr. Rogers here in Charlottetown and in Government House and his public record is before us. To-night in the Patriot newspaper he has brought himself out in a way that calls for special attention. Every vote that is given for these two gentlemen here, Messrs. Higgs and Duffy—two very estimable young men—is a vote to turn the present Government out of power and put one in with Mr. Rogers at the head. I have found in my experience that I you are invited now to vote to keep tax far into night, to keep up what I regard as the requirements of the country; and there are some who say that I should not receive a salary suf-

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