



On The Main Street

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A sentence which has been used thousands of times, "He was one of nature's finest gentlemen" was on the lips of many people when Hunter Murchison passed to his eternal reward. The quotation was truly apropos when applied to the deceased gentleman who was laid to rest Wednesday in Riverside Cemetery.

The Masonic service Tuesday night was attended by over 100 brethren of the Masonic Order. The deceased gentleman joined the Lodge at Thornhill, Toronto, when he served on the Toronto police force and his connection with Masonry also dated back to his attendance at Spry Lodge in Fenelon Falls. Members of the Order have often commented on his exceptional interpretation of the ritual in Lodge room. His rich vocabulary with the Scottish accent, was inspiring.

For many years the late Hunter Murchison was widely known because of his association with the Toronto police force, his handling of the traffic at Yonge and Bloor Streets and his many friends from the local part of Victoria County remember him very favorably when he served the force in the rotunda of Maple Leaf Gardens and in the old Mutual street arena.

The late Hunter Murchison was for many years an entertainer in and around his native land of Glenarm, Islay and Fenelon Falls and he was at his best singing Scottish songs and telling stories for the entertainment of large crowds of people. In recent years he was a faithful member and worker in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and took his usual place as an usher at the service last Sunday morning.

The deceased gentleman was a worker and an officer of the CNIB and occasionally pulled a card out of his pocket which bore his signature, that his eyes be used and passed on to help restore the sight of others having failing sight. In the realm of politics Mr. Murchison was a staunch Liberal. In the realm of sport he was a baseball player for the home team in Fenelon township. He was a man of sterling character, loyal to his family and his friends.