

THE LATE STEPHEN WHELAN

For 33 Years Reeve of Admaston.

Two years ago, feeling the weight of years upon him, Stephen Whelan, Esq., who had been for 33 years Reeve of Admaston, and for some terms also Councillor, resigned his office as Reeve. During the year that has passed, on the few occasions on which he appeared on the streets here, his friends could see that his physical powers were failing. But for only two weeks was he seriously ill; and the end came somewhat suddenly, after all, on Saturday morning, 3rd inst. He had known himself for some time that the final summons would not be long delayed; and evidently felt on Friday that the end was then approaching, for to his son Patrick, who had come down from his duties as bushranger, but who had to pay an official visit to Amprior on that day, he particularly urged that he should return to him that night. Deceased came to Canada with his parents from the county Carlow, Ireland, in 1828. The family settled in the Shamrock neighborhood of Admaston; and there the majority of the family have since resided: his brothers Michael and James still being residents of the township, as were also Patrick and John until their death. One



brother, Thomas, removed to Dakota about a quarter of a century ago. In 1855, Stephen struck out into the world. He went to the gold fields of Australia, and remained there for fifteen years. He was fairly successful in the miners' quest; and returned to Admaston in 1870 comfortably off. From that time he was something of the gentleman farmer; and shortly after his return to Canada was married to Miss Hannah Gorman. Eleven children—five boys and six girls—were born to them, all still living—Thomas, Stephen and W. J. on the farm, which is a large one; Peter is in the United States; Patrick J. is a woodranger in the employ of the Government; Mary (Mrs John Connolly, of Renfrew); Elizabeth (Mrs Thos. McCourt, Bromley); Maggie E., teacher in Admaston; and Celia, Mona and Gertrude, at home. As has been noted, Mr Whelan was for an unprecedentedly long period one of the municipal legislators of his township; and took great pride in and enjoyment out of this service to the people. He was a staunch Conservative; and it would be hard to find his superior as an astute worker for his party. He was a devoted son of the Roman Catholic church; belonging to the parish of Douglas: the funeral service being conducted in St. Michael's church there on Monday morning by Rev. Father McPhail, Redemptorist Missionary. The pall-bearers were Messrs D. Campbell, J. B. Ferguson, Thos. Lyons, M. Sullivan, O. Enright and John Gorman. Messrs Campbell and Ferguson bore with them a beautiful wreath, with which was the inscription—"A last tribute to our old Reeve. Signed, Admaston." Deceased had a fair education, considering the educational facilities offered in his boyhood days; and his travel had helped to develop him. He was of genial presence and kindly ways; and the wide measure of the kindness felt for him by his neighbors was to some extent borne testimony by the number of them in the funeral cortege—13 vehicles being counted.

Married and Aways.

A large party from Admaston were present at the C.P.R. station on Thursday afternoon last to bid farewell and God-speed to Mr and Mrs Alex. McQuarrie, who were that day departing for their home at Vernon, B.C. It is some seven years since Mr McQuarrie went to the west, and through all these years his heart has remained true "To the girl he left behind him,"—Miss Bessie Brown, daughter of one of Admaston's staunch old citizens, Mr Robert Brown. Recently, Mr McQuarrie came back to claim his bride: and it was on Wednesday, Dec. 29th, that Rev. Dr. Campbell pronounced the words that rewarded him for his devotion. There was a large and happy party of wedding guests. Mr Robert W. Brown, brother of the bride, was best man, and her cousin, Miss Edith Brown, was bridesmaid. The happy couple spent a week or so visiting their friends in this locality, before making their journey westward.

Peter G. Campbell.

With startling suddenness came the announcement on Saturday in town of the death at Calabogie Thursday night of Mr Peter G. Campbell, a native and well-known resident of the township of Admaston. His father was Peter Campbell, head of one of the pioneer families; who settled in the township many years ago. Peter G. was the youngest son. He was also postmaster of Balsam Hill; took an interest in good live stock, and lately had been much interested in the building of good roads, having been superintendent in the last five years of the expending of much of the road money laid out in this Riding by the Provincial Government. It was while away from home on this occupation, that he met with the illness that proved fatal. He was superintending some road work ten miles or so above Calabogie, when taken ill with dysentery. A man of fine physique and always strong and healthy, he delayed seeking medical advice too long, and when Dr. Reid reached him he saw that the case was hopeless. He leaves a widow, (Miss Agnes Pender before her marriage), two daughters and an adopted son. Two brothers, John and Donald, both of Admaston, and two sisters—Miss Anne, on the homestead with Donald, and Mrs Joseph Reid of Renfrew survive. Mr Campbell was a Presbyterian, and the funeral services on Saturday afternoon were conducted by Rev. Mr Hodges.

FRANCIS R. BENNETT

1919
The death occurred at his home in Admaston on Friday, February 7th, of Francis R. Bennett, aged 76. The late Mr. Bennett had lived a long time in Admaston. Besides a widow he leaves a family of six sons and three daughters to mourn his loss: John, Frank R. at the Soo; Harry in Admaston; Samuel, Westmeath; David G. and N. W. of Cobalt. The daughters are Mrs Lamont of Great Falls, Montana; Mrs. Garrod, Moose Jaw, Sask.; and Mrs. Seeley of Douglas. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon to Admaston cemetery, the service being conducted by Rev. Alex. White. Of the

family David, Frank and N.W., Mrs. Garrod and Mrs. Seeley attended the funeral.

ADMASTON STATION

1918
Mrs. A. Riddell and children spent the week-end with friends in Renfrew.

Miss Jeanetta Ferguson has returned home after visiting with friends in Ottawa.

Mrs. Ben. Eady of Renfrew visited at her parental home here this week.

Born—On December 2nd to Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Campbell, a daughter.

Mr. John Dalglish and daughter of Regina, Sask., who came East last week on a visit to friends here, have both taken the "flu."

The S. S. children have started practice for a Christmas tree; the date to be announced later.