

C. E. MAHON PASSES AT COAST AFTER LENGTHY ILLNESS

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Prime Mover and Western Organizer
For 1948 Bruce County Homecoming
Had Been in Poor Health for
Several Months.—Native of Elderslie
Township Had Become Well-Known
Vancouver Business Man.

Charles Edwin Mahon, well-known native of Elderslie Township and former resident of Paisley, died on Nov. 30th, in the General Hospital, Vancouver, B. C. He was 79 years old.

Known to a host of life-long friends, as well as to hundreds of other persons with whom he had become acquainted during the 1948 Bruce County Homecoming, Ed Mahon was the man who was largely responsible for the success of that history-making re-union of Bruce old boys and girls. Born on a farm on the Elora Road north in 1871, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mahon, he attended school in his home section and later in Paisley, and then was employed with Claxton & Ballachey in their general store here. As a young man he went West, and was at first located in Spokane, Wash. About 1907 he moved to Vancouver, and for thirty years, until his retirement in 1946, he engaged in the real estate and insurance business. In 1913 he was elected to city council as alderman and served Vancouver in that capacity for four years. Later he was appointed police commissioner, a position he held from 1930 to 1935. An enthusiastic booster for the city of his adoption, he served for many years on the Board of Trade and hospital board. He was an active churchman and was a member of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church until union, when he joined the congregation of Canadian Memorial Church and served on its board. He served on the Presbytery and conference board of the United Church of Canada, and in recent years was one of those who was in charge of the church pension fund. One of its organizers, Mr. Mahon was president for many years of the Bruce Old Boys and Girls Association and a former treasurer of the Pioneers' Association.

He is survived by his wife, the former Nellie Steele, at home, 1565 West Thirteenth St.; three sons, William S., Harold S., and Norman C., all of Vancouver, also three daughters, Mrs. D. A. MacDonald, West Vancouver; Mrs. Hugh Adair, Vancouver, and Mrs. George L. Cornwall of Toronto. Two sisters are also living, Mrs. Eva McDuffee of Port Elgin and Mrs. Millie Swigert of Vancouver. There are 11 grandchildren. Jas. Steele of Paisley, is a brother-in-law.

The funeral was held on Dec. 2nd, with services at Canadian Memorial Church, conducted by Rev. G. B. Switzer, assisted by Rev. R. W. Hardy and Rev. W. B. Willan. Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery. The casket bearers were Messrs. G. E. Copeland, C. C. Mahon, A. I. Morgan, A. B. Steele, Matthew Sutton and Rev. R. C. Scott.

It was in the fall of 1946 that there was the first mention of a probable old boys and girls re-union for Paisley. Then Ed Mahon wrote to The Advocate, expressing opinion that a county-wide re-union would be a grand thing if it could be organized. He visualized a special CNR train bringing hundreds from the Coast and the West back to Bruce, and the more he thought of the idea, the better it looked. Through The Advocate he presented his proposal to the folks in Bruce and the old boys in the West, and within a year it had developed from a mere idea into an actuality. With Ed Mahon as its

prime moving spirit and its organizing genius, the Bruce Homecoming was put over magnificently in July and August of 1948, and thousands of old boys and girls were thrilled and delighted by the opportunity to come back to the county which they proudly called "home." Among his accomplishments this re-union was one of the finest, and the memories of its happy hours will serve as a most fitting memorial to Ed Mahon—a man that everybody liked, and a man who carried deep in his heart, a great love for his native county of Bruce.

MRS. D. J. STANDING

The community was again saddened to learn of the passing on Tuesday morning, April 19th, of Mrs. David J. Standing, at her home on Victoria Street south. Very well-known and highly respected in Paisley and district, Mrs. Standing had been in failing health for more than a year, and during the past several weeks had been confined to bed at her home.

Mrs. Standing was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ballachey, who were among the early residents of this community. In 1910 she was married to David J. Standing of Burford, and only five years later her husband passed away, leaving his widow to raise their two children. A short time afterward Mrs. Standing went to Buffalo, N.Y., where she kept house for her widower brother, George T. Ballachey and his infant daughter. Following the death of her step-mother here, Mrs. Standing returned to the village with her children, and for six years kept house for her father, before taking up residence on Victoria St., where the family has since remained. She is survived by one son, Fred C. Standing of Toronto, and one daughter, (Dora) Mrs. William Misener of London. Two brothers are also living: George T. of Buffalo, N.Y., and S. Frank Ballachey of Paisley.

A life-long member of the Anglican Church, Mrs. Standing has been one of the most conscientious and faithful workers in every church organization, having given years of devoted service to the choir, the Sunday School, and to the Bruce Deanery, of which she had served as president for a number of years. She was also keenly interested in the work of the Women's Institute, and had been president of the local branch, as well as president of the North Bruce District Institute. In war time, Mrs. Standing had been one of the most active workers in the local Red Cross affiliate. She was also a director of the Agricultural Society, and when she was able to do so, had taken an active interest in fair day organization.

The funeral will be held on Thursday, April 21st, with services at Church of the Ascension, at 12 o'clock. Following the service, the cortege will proceed to Burford, for interment.

MISS GEORGINA McBEATH

One of the community's most highly esteemed residents, Miss Georgina McBeath, passed away on Thursday at the Lippert nursing home in Pinkerton. In her 90th year, Miss McBeath had been in failing health for several years.

Miss McBeath was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McBeath, who were pioneer settlers in Elderslie Township. She was born on the family homestead, 2nd con. Elderslie, and as a girl attended S. S. No. 2 (Manley's) school. As a young woman she became a practical nurse, and after the family removed to Paisley in 1913, was engaged in that work almost continuously until she retired several years ago. Of a very kind and patient nature, Miss McBeath had made many friends throughout the district, not only by her activities as a nurse, but by her goodness of heart as a neighbor and citizen. For many years she was an active member of the local branch of the Women's Institute, and she was an untiring worker with the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, and was a charter member of the Women's Missionary Society of the church. Following union in 1923, she became a member of Knox United Church, and was made a life member of the W.M.S. a few years ago. She was a most energetic worker on behalf of her church, and until health interfered, was a most regular attendant at its services.

Miss McBeath's passing is the third break in the family within the past nine months. A sister (Barbara) Mrs. Cranston, died in July, 1950, and a brother, James, passed away in December, 1950.

Miss McBeath is survived by one sister and two brothers: Miss Catharine McBeath and John McBeath, at home, and Thomas McBeath of Elderslie Township.

The funeral was held on Saturday, with services at Emke & Son funeral home, conducted by her pastor, Rev. H. C. Linstead of Knox United Church. Interment was in Paisley Cemetery. Casket-bearers were Messrs. Alex McBeath, James and Norman Lamont, David and Cecil Keith, and Norman Dryden.

Friends from a distance who attended the service were Mrs. Wm. Dryden of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. David Allen of Fergus and Mrs. R. Logan of Rockwood.

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