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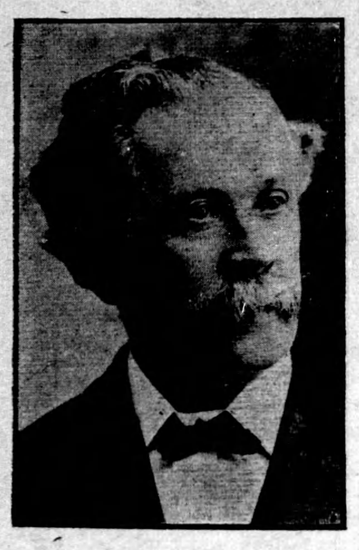

M. K. Richardson Passes To His Rest

Matthew Kendal Richardson, ex-M.P. passed peacefully away to the spirit world at his home here on Monday evening of this week. Since midsummer he had been sinking rapidly and his death had been anticipated. In fact since the death of Mrs. Richardson on Aug. 31, 1916, whose loss he deeply mourned, friends and relatives could see that the sands of time were fast running out.

The deceased gentleman was born in Cumberlandshire, England, in 1839, and was consequently 78 years of age. He received a fair education in his youth, and before coming to America in 1863 he was employed in Penrith and Oldham. After arrival in Torontohe was employed as silversmith with the Sheffield House and at the same time took up the study of medicine, but this proved too much for his constitution and was given up. While living in Toronto he married in 1864 Miss Mary McFarland, sister of the late J. W. McFarland, who predeceased him on Aug. 31, 1916. Together they came to Flesherton in 1866, where he opened up a general store business, which was continued successfully for many years. Mr. Richardson told of having bought oats in the early days at 12c per bushel, eggs at 5c a dozen, and sold tea at $1.10 per lb. Owing to his knowledge of anatomy and his keen eyesight he was Dr. Christoe's assistant in many a critical operation in early times.

But it was as a public servant that he will be best remembered, having served in the capacity of Councillor. Deputy Reeve, Reeve, Warden and Member of Parliament for South Grey, he having defeated the late Dr. Landerkin, who had held the seat for 23 years. He did not seek a second term. Afterwards he was employed for several years as Superintendent of Neglected Children, his district including Parry Sound and the Manitoulin Island. Muskoka, Simcoe, Grey and Bruce counties. He always took a deep interest in children and hundreds of waifs revere his memory today. He was never so happy as when giving joy to others—a true benefactor to those in need and a sympathetic counsellor to those in trouble. The world is better, much better, for the lives of such men.

As a christian gentleman he was also very highly esteemed by all who came in contact with him. During his whole life here he was identified with the Methodist church as one of its founders and pillars, and for many years was superintendent of the Sabbath school. His erudition peculiarly fitted him as a leader in religious matters, and even as a pulpit speaker, where he was always listened to with interest when he could be prevailed upon to take the service as a local preacher. As an extempore speaker on almost any topic his broad reading made him a master.

At the death of the late A. W. Lauder Mr. Richardson was appointed Registrar for South Grey, which position he held until the time of his death.

The deceased gentleman had travelled extensively. was acquainted with the French and German languages, and was a man of extensive reading, owning one of the finest private libraries in this county. His personal acquaintances and friends included many in high places throughout the English speaking world, and his correspondence was large.

The children who mourn a very dear father are: Elizabeth (Mrs. Hon. I. B. Lucas), Markdale; Annie (Mrs. Dr. Webster), Toronto: Dr. E. K. Richardson, Toronto; and Christena (Mrs. Frank Tait), Palmerston. One beloved daughter, Edith, died some years ago in young womanhood; and Miss Maud, who had the care of her father.

Out of six brothers only one remains living, Mr. Wm. Richardson of Flesherton, who has been confined to the house for some years through rheumatism.

The funeral took place to Flesherton cemetery on Wednesday afternoon after an impressive service in the Methodist church.

Prosperity is Promised

The prospect opened up for Canada by the Military Service Act is one of prosperity insured and safeguarded. The object of the Act is to reinforce our men at the front while keeping in Canada those whose presence here is required in order that necessary business may be carried on as well as those whose going overseas would lay a heavy burden on the country through the needs of dependents.

No heavy tax on the manpower of the country will be made. The Act calls for but 100,000 men, and authorities estimate that there are in the country 400,000 men of the first class alone, unmarried men and widowers without children, between the ages of 20 and 34. This class may well supply most of those needed.

Men in the first class called will be withdrawn for military service only they are required by the military situation. The process will be gradual, thus leaving a portion of the men to follow their regular vocations until such time as they are required.

The cost of the war must be reduced to a minimum by the system which sends out of the country only those who can best be spared, from the standpoint of the nation as a whole. General prosperity must also be encouraged by the safeguarding of essential industries and the retention at their work of men whom the highest interests of the country require at home.

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