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MR. CROSBY'S SUDDEN DEATH.

The sudden news that reached here Saturday morning that Mr. Isaac Crosby was dead came as a great shock to relatives and friends.

On the 1st of December Mr. and Mrs. Crosby closed their large residence here and took rooms at 83 Grenville street, with the intention of spending the winter in the city.

Although it was known that Mr. Crosby had a weak heart for a number of years, he was scarcely ever ill, and was in apparently good health until the very last.

He came up and voted at the municipal election on the 2nd of January, went to bed feeling well Friday evening, and looked out of his bedroom window about 2 a.m. Saturday morning.

Between 4 and 5 o'clock Mrs. Crosby was awakened by a gasp, and placing her hand on her husband found that something was wrong.

Inmates of the house came into the room just as Mr. Crosby passed away.

A short service for the family and friends was held at their rooms in Toronto Monday evening.

The remains were brought to Richmond Hill by private car Tuesday afternoon.

The casket was opened on the car at the Waiting Room where hundreds of old friends passed through and looked at the face of the deceased for the last time.

Preceded by the Masonic brethren the concourse then wended its way to the village cemetery, where the burial service was read by Rev. G. S. Smith and Rev. W. F. Wilson.

This was followed by the Masonic ceremony read by the chaplain Rev. A. P. Brace, and the W. Master Bro. C. E. Hopper.

At the Methodist Church an impressive service was held. Rev. W. L. French gave out the first hymn, the Scripture lesson was read by Rev. E. H. Toye, and short addresses were given by Mr. Smith, Mr. Brace and Mr. Wilson.

The speakers expressed their heartfelt sympathy for the sorrowing widow and son in the great loss they had sustained, and referred to the good qualities of the deceased as a useful citizen, a friend to the Church, a shrewd business man—a man whose place it will be difficult to fill.

It is safe to say no other citizen of this village merited more respect and esteem than the one who was so suddenly called away.

Isaac Crosby was born in Cumberland, England, Sept. 7, 1842. He was the son of Parker and Mary (Holmes) Crosby, natives of Cumberland, the former born in 1815, the latter the following year.

Deceased came to Canada with his parents via New York in 1844. The family first located in Toronto, engaging in mercantile business for a time, and then removed to Eglinton, continuing in the same line of business for a few years.

They afterwards opened a general store in Aurora, and in 1850 removed to Thornhill, keeping store for three years.

In 1853 they came to Richmond Hill, carrying on a general store.

After receiving his education in the Public and Grammar School, Isaac engaged as a clerk in his father's store, and in 1869 became his father's successor.

This business he carried on until 1902, when he retired to his farm and comfortable home.

He has done excellent service as a member of the Board of Education, a member of the Public Library Board, a municipal councillor, reeve of the village, and in every case has proved himself clear headed and agreeable.

In the Methodist Church he was a member of the trustee board and a member of the quarterly board of the circuit.

He was a staunch Conservative, and at the time of his death was secretary of the East York Conservative Association.

Mr. Crosby was also a Past Master in Richmond (Masonic) Lodge, and a Past Master Workman in Ivy Lodge, A. O. U. W.

AN INTERESTING DIALOGUE

The following conversation was overheard a few mornings ago on a Metropolitan car, between two gentlemen, one of whom was a citizen of Newmarket—

"Has local option effected the business in your town?"

"Well, I can't say. I know that business has improved, but, of course, it might have improved even if local option had never been thought of."

"But does it not injure certain lines of business?"

"To be honest, I believe the only men that local option injures financially are the mer who sold the booze."

The Newmarket citizen then said:

"When local option was proposed I was against the experiment. However, when the time came I voted for it, but very reluctantly. Should a vote be again taken I would vote for the measure without the slightest hesitation, and I am satisfied that scores of others who were lukewarm like myself would vote against the opening of the bars."

The editor of this paper believes that the great majority of the citizens of Richmond Hill entertain the same views about local option that were expressed by the Newmarket citizen referred to above.

CENTRE YORK LIBERALS.

The annual meeting of the Centre York Liberal Association was held in Victoria Hall, Thornhill, on Monday.

Officers were elected for the current year, and all present were interested in the addresses given by Mr. H. M. Mowat, K.C.; H. H. Dewart, K.C.; Dr. P. D. McLean, and Mr. F. C. Inwood.

In the absence of the president, owing to the inclemency of the weather, Mr. G. W. Verral acted as chairman in a very able manner.

Mr. Mowat made an able defence of the Canadian navy, and the reasons which led up to the formation of that navy.

Some of their opponents were inclined to speak in derision, referring to the navy as a "tinpot navy," but Mr. Mowat assured his hearers that the ships now being built are among the fastest in the world, and in the fleets of all the nations there were few to outclass them.

Mr. Dewart also referred to the necessity of a Canadian navy, and in conclusion paid a glowing tribute to Sir Alan Aylesworth for the masterly way Canada's case had been prepared for the recent session of the Hague Tribunal.

Dr. McLean and Mr. F. G. Inwood also made short addresses, each emphasizing the need of thorough organization, and throwing out the suggestion that the next general election would be one of the hardest ever waged in the Province and country.

The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. W. Scott, Victoria Square; First Vice-President, Andrew Russell, Thornhill; Second Vice-President, W. D. Annis, Scarborough; Secretary, Charles H. Porter, Toronto; Treasurer, W. H. Clubine, Thornhill; Executive Committee—Messrs. Edward Sanford, New Toronto; Dr. Curson, Mimico; Joseph Rush, Humber Bay; H. E. French, Humber Bay; Thomas Fitzpatrick, Lampton Mills; W. J. Agar, Islington; George Pearson, Richview; John Cameron, Etobicoke; George Farr, Thistleton; William Riddell, Thornhill; J. P. Naughton, Elgin Mills; F. Smith, Edgeley; William Thomas, Hope; James A. Stevenson, Woodbridge; James McGillivray, Purpleville; James Bell, Elder's Mills; James Devins, Kleinburg; D. Norton, Woodbridge; T. H. Trench, Richmond Hill; W. J. Cruickshanks, Weston; Howard Gray, Weston; R. Thompson, Thornhill; Joshua Horner, Richmond Hill; C. Burr, Buttonville; W. F. Nichols, Victoria Square; W. A. Noble, Unionville; J. Nigh, Almiria; George Robb, Armadale; E. K. Moore, Mount Joy; L. W. Hoover, Ringwood; A. Reesor, Cedar Grove; J. Turner, Mongolia; Dr. Stewart, Markham; E. J. Reesor, Markham; George Male, East Toronto; A. J. Reynolds, Scarboro' Junction; James Henderson, Scarboro'; Edward Knowles, Highland Creek; Donald Reesor, Cedar Grove; D. Pardie, Malvern; John Elliott, Agincourt, and Hugh K. Olark, Agincourt.

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