

DEATH CAME

Mr. Jas. Isbester Passed
Away at Winnipeg

A Noted Contractor

He Was Favorably Known
All Over Canada - Built
Section B of C.P.R.

Not a few in this City will learn with considerable regret of the death of James Isbester, the noted contractor, which occurred yesterday morning at Winnipeg. Mrs. Isbester and his son, Mr. Colin Isbester, were present at his bedside at the last.

The deceased left his home in Ottawa about the beginning of August, to inspect the work on a railway contract which he had under process of construction in the Rainy River district. About two weeks ago Mr. Isbester started on his return journey, but only got as far as Winnipeg, where he was taken seriously ill. At first a fatal result was not anticipated, but last Tuesday a telegram received here announced grave complications. Mrs. Isbester at once left for Winnipeg, where she arrived on Thursday. Diabetes was the cause of death. Telegrams were received here by the relatives respecting the the patient's condition every day last week. None came Saturday so that it was assumed that Mr. Isbester was better. That assumption, however, proved incorrect. The body left Winnipeg last evening for Ottawa; it is expected to arrive here tomorrow afternoon.

Widely Known and Highly Esteemed

Perhaps no man was personally better known from one end of the Dominion to the other than was Mr. Isbester. And the same characteristics which made him widely appreciated abroad, brought to him an unflinching source of love and respect from those who knew him more intimately at home. He was a man of varied talent. As a conversationalist he excelled. His fund of reminiscences, oftentimes quaint and humorous, frequently dealing with interesting facts of a semi-historic character, seemed unflinching. Genial at all times, he was much sought after by those who appreciated his companionship and their numbers seemed innumerable. Generous to a fault he frequently came to the rescue of his friends at great personal disadvantage to himself.

Mr. Isbester was from his earliest youth an ardent Conservative, and the party to which he gave an unflinching