

Death of Mr. Jas. Cooper.

James Cooper, manufacturer of railway and other supplies, Montreal, died there, July 11, after a brief illness, aged 68. For some years Mr. Cooper was a traveller for Rice Lewis & Co., Toronto, but in 1872 started in business in conjunction with F. Fairman, as Cooper, Fairman & Co., in the heavy hardware trade. Later on manufacturing was added, and separate companies were subsequently formed to take over district branches

of the business. These included the Dominion Wire Manufacturing Co., the Dominion Wire Rope Co., the James Cooper Manufacturing Co., of each of which Mr. Cooper was President. The firm, which was dissolved in 1889, held a controlling interest in the Dominion Bridge Works, and since 1889 Mr. Cooper was a director of that company. In addition to his many company interests, he did a very large general contractors' and railway supply business, representing such English firms as Chas. Cammell & Co., Sheffield; John Hendry,

Andrew & Co., Sheffield, as well as large American manufacturing concerns. The funeral took place July 14, and was largely attended by manufacturers of railway supplies, and others. In his will, Mr. Cooper, after providing for his widow, leaves \$60,000 to McGill University to endow a chair for the investigation of diseases of the internal organs; \$25,000 for a child's memorial hospital, now being organized by Dr. A. Mackenzie Forbes, and directs that the balance be divided among Montreal charitable institutions.

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