

OBITUARY.

The death of Rev. J. A. McConnell happened with alarming suddenness at Lanark village on Saturday the 19th ult. He was apparently in his usual health, and had made arrangements for his departure to his new home at Varna in the county of Huron. While sitting at tea at the house of a friend, along with Mrs. McConnell and others, his head suddenly fell forward, and without a word he passed away. The whole community deeply sympathize with Mrs. McConnell and her family. The deceased was in the 60th year of his age, and leaves a wife and five children—three boys and two girls—to mourn his death. For the past two years and a half Mr. McConnell has been stationed at Watson's Corners and the associated fields of Brightside, Hopetown and St. James. His work has been very successful and highly appreciated by the people generally. He had concluded his labors two weeks ago, and was contemplating retiring from active work, for a time at least. But his work was done, and his Master called him home to his eternal reward, which he was looking forward to with joy, contemplating, as he had recently remarked to his friends, that "it would not be long, he felt, till the Saviour would take him to his upper home." The funeral service was conducted on Monday, at 10 o'clock, in the church at Watson's Corners, a very fitting place for such a service, for the nice new church had so recently been built there under his ministry. The church was crowded with sorrowing friends and acquaintances. Rev. McIlroy, Rev. James Burnie, Rev. D. Currie, of Perth, took part in the services and the Rev. D. M. Buchanan, of Lanark, preached an impressive sermon from Rev. ii. 10: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. W. S. Smith, of Middleville, followed in a brief but warm eulogy of Rev. Mr. McConnell's work and character as a Christian brother. The Rev. Mr. Leach, Mr. McConnell's successor in the field, presided at the funeral service. The remains of the deceased were taken to Varna, and interred in the Bayfield cemetery.

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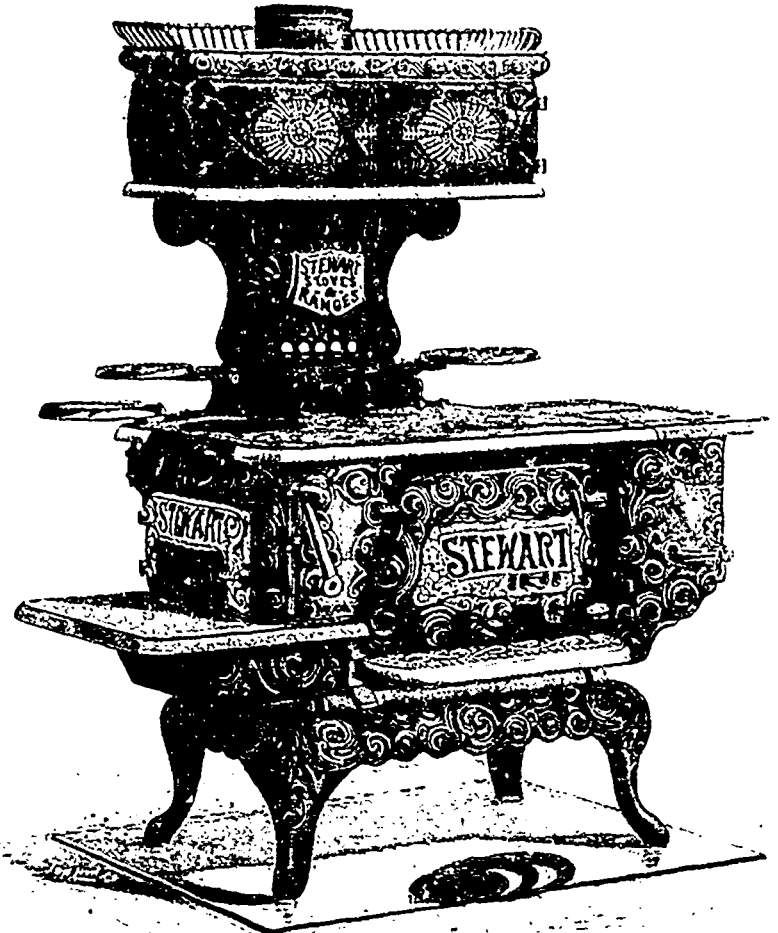
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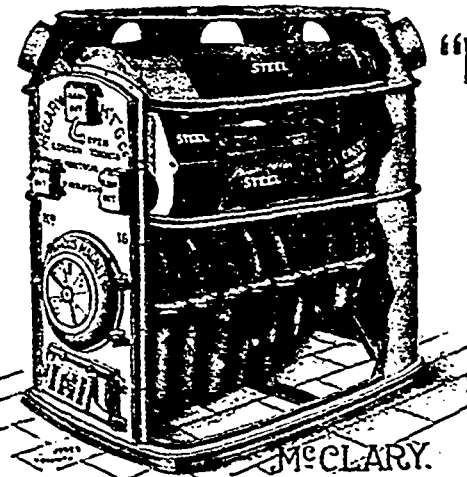
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