

carried on their extensive lumbering and other interests for nearly fifteen years. As citizens of Barrie both members of the firm took an active interest and a prominent part in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community. Mr. Shortreed was the founder and main promoter of the Barrie Gas Company, and on the 12th of April, 1887, the shareholders of the company placed on record the following tribute to his memory :

“ Moved by H. H. Strathy, seconded by Judge Ardagh, and resolved : That at this, their first meeting since the removal by death of Mr. Thos. Shortreed, the shareholders of this Company desire to place on record their sincere and heartfelt regret at the loss they have thus sustained, recognizing him as the founder and promoter of the Company, and one who by his advice and co-operation rendered invaluable assistance in carrying on the work of the Company ; and that the secretary be requested to convey to Mrs. Shortreed a copy of this resolution.”

In 1878 the Presbyterian congregation of Barrie showed their appreciation of the worth of Mr. Shortreed by choosing him to serve as a ruling elder in the church. The unqualified confidence uniformly reposed in the firm of which he was the head, by all with whom they had financial dealings, was a like testimony to the