



**The Late Mr. Thomas Gilroy.**

On February 22nd, after a short illness, Mr. Thomas Gilroy, Manager of the Sun Life of Canada for the city of Winnipeg, passed away. Mr. Gilroy had not been in robust health for the past few years, but was always able to attend to his official duties. About two months ago, his case became serious, and towards the end but little hope was entertained for his recovery. Mr. Gilroy was the longest in the service of the Sun Life of Canada of any of its officials. In the year 1871, he was appointed Inspector of Agencies, and secured the first application for assurance for the Company, outside of Montreal. He established the first agency of the Company at Brockville. After eleven years spent in opening up agencies throughout Ontario, he was appointed to the General Agency at Winnipeg and afterward devoted his attention to the City Agency as Manager.

Mr. Gilroy's advent to the west was in the days when that new country needed men of judgment in the control of its affairs. Mr. Gilroy devoted his varied talents in the interests of good citizenship and his efforts were so much appreciated that he was elected as a member of the City Council of Winnipeg and filled the position of chairman of various committees, notably the Finance Committee, of which he

was considered the ablest chairman that ever presided over it. It was but natural that Mr. Gilroy was elected to the office of Mayor. Besides these official duties, he was closely connected with the Board of Trade, being a member of its Council, also a director of the Standard Trust Company and the Northwest Fire Insurance Company. At one time he contested Winnipeg Centre in federal politics, his opponent was Sir Daniel McMillan, now His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba. Were it not for the exceptional strength of his worthy opponent he would easily have been victorious.

Mr. Gilroy was the soul of patriotism. It was through his efforts that the memorial to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, before the main entrance to the Provincial Legislative Buildings, was erected. He was secretary-treasurer of the fund. He was also prominent in church work, having for years served as warden and vestryman of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Ven. Archdeacon Fortin, speaking of the late Mr. Gilroy said: "Mr. Gilroy's death will be an especial loss to Holy Trinity and causes me to feel that I have lost a most esteemed personal friend. He had a pure mind, a gentle and loving disposition. He was always a peace-maker and no man in Winnipeg had fewer enemies."

The deceased was fifty-seven years of age and was born at Simcoe, Norfolk Co., Ont., where he was buried. Mrs. Gilroy and friends have our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

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**Ever Prompt.**

124 Bristol Road,  
Northfield, Birmingham,  
26th October, 1904.

MR. S. MARSHALL,  
District Manager,  
39 Corporation St., Birmingham.

Dear Sir:—Kindly convey to the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, my best thanks for cheque for £200 in settlement of claim under Policy No. 92579, on the life of my late husband. Permit me to express my appreciation of the prompt and business-like manner in which you have dealt with this matter, and to say that I shall always esteem it a pleasure to speak a good word in the Company's behalf.

Yours truly,

B. T. BRUNST.

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