

Barrie to accept an invitation from his kinsman, Judge (now Senator) Gowan, to stay some months with him; but being of an active and enterprising nature, he soon settled to practise medicine at Holland Landing, where he succeeded the late Dr. J. Russell Ardagh, and where he continued in active and lucrative practice until he moved to Bradford in 1857, then a new and fast-rising village, and where he carried on one of the most extensive medical practices in Canada. His professional duties did not, however, prevent his taking an active part in politics, municipal affairs, agriculture, etc. He sat as reeve for the village of Bradford for many years, and regularly attended the sittings of the County Council at Barrie; was President of the West Gwillimbury Agricultural Society almost continuously during his residence in Bradford; was a director of the Standard Bank from its initiation until the time of his death.

Dr. Morton was an ardent admirer of the thoroughbred and trotting horse, and did much towards improving the saddle and driving classes of horses, having imported in 1860 the thoroughbred stallion "Antonio" from England, and, later, the stallions

"Harper" and "Extra," and many a medical practitioner has had the satisfaction, when "going his rounds," either driving behind or being carried by the descendants of these stallions, of experiencing the benefits Dr. Morton has conferred thereby on the fraternity.

Since his removal to Toronto, in 1884, to enjoy a well-earned repose and ample means, he had given up active practice, except occasionally to gratify the wishes of his dearest friends and old patients at Bradford and elsewhere, who when in danger never felt so satisfied as when they could see their old doctor's face at their bedside.

Having left no children of his own, and his wife's death having occurred about two years before his own, the most of his fortune has been bequeathed to his brothers and sisters and their children, but his kind thoughtfulness has also conferred comforts in many needy and deserving cases.

His brother, Dr. Morton, of Barrie, attended him in his last illness, with Drs. Atherton and Graham, of Toronto, and remained with him to the last.

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