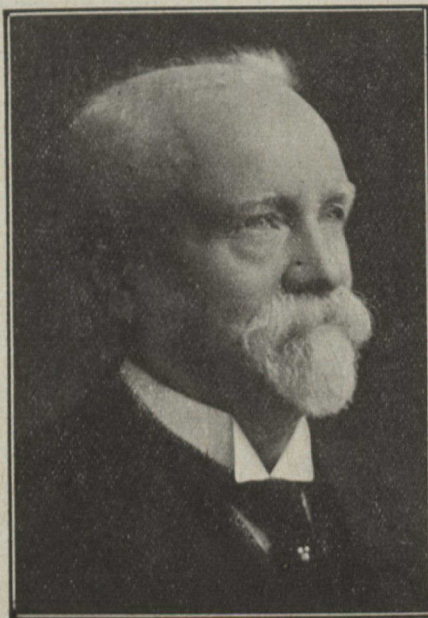


Death of Mr. Thomas Robertson, President of *The Monetary Times* Printing Company



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THE LATE MR. THOMAS ROBERTSON.

MR. THOMAS ROBERTSON, one of the pioneer manufacturers of Canada and one of its finest citizens, died of pneumonia yesterday at his residence, 89 Elm Avenue, Toronto, in his seventy-ninth year. The word of his death was received with deep regret by a large circle of relatives and friends, particularly in Canada and in Scotland.

Mr. Robertson was born in Selkirk, Scotland, in 1838, coming to Canada in 1856. He was one of the sturdy type of settlers who, in those early days, were building the foundations of a great Dominion, and to whom British ideals and fairplay meant so much. As a young man in his teens, he rapidly showed the pioneer spirit of the staunch people of Selkirk, his Scotch home. With three of his brothers he started a grocery and confectionery business under the name of Robertson Brothers. Largely to his sound judgment and keen interest in the enterprise, with a personality tempered by a kindly disposition and strict integrity, the business rapidly grew. Beginning in 1865 in small premises at the corner of Church Street and Wilton Avenue, Toronto, it was found necessary three years later to remove to more commodious premises at Yonge Street and Trinity Square. A few years later, the present large business had its beginning on Queen Street East. From a small retail store, started in 1865, Mr. Robertson lived long enough to witness the complete success of one of the largest wholesale candy manufacturing enterprises in the Dominion.

Among his friends in those days when Toronto was a small town of 25,000 population, his intimate friends included Mr. John Ross Robertson, proprietor of the Toronto Evening Telegram, who printed the first issue of *The Monetary Times* in 1867; the late Senator Jaffray; the late William Christie, of Christie, Brown and Company, and the late John Spink. All these men started their careers in Toronto about the same time and they remained close friends. As the business and financial interests of the Dominion expanded, Mr. Robertson became associated with a number of enterprises, in many cases as a director. In 1902 he acquired an interest in *The Monetary Times* and became president of

The Monetary Times Printing Company. Following the career of this journal with great pride, he was always most ardent in the desire that it should strictly maintain the policy of the founders of the paper,—to print an independent, outspoken, carefully written and properly conducted business and financial journal.

Mr. Robertson was a member of the National Club, the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, the Toronto Board of Trade, the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, St. Andrew's Society and the York Pioneers. Asked not long before his death as to his political sentiments, his reply was "Canada First." This to him was not an empty slogan, for he did not hesitate to change his political affiliations when he thought the best interests of the nation in times of crisis were not being served by his party. The welfare of the Dominion and the knitting of still closer ties with the Motherland had in him a very strong supporter.

Mr. Robertson is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Lilian McKnight; by two sisters, Mrs. James Cameron and Miss Maggie Robertson, Toronto; by a brother, Gideon, Vancouver; and many nephews and nieces, three of whom, William, Alexander and Edward, have been the late Mr. Robertson's right hand men in the conduct of his extensive business.

Throughout his business career, Mr. Thomas Robertson believed in recognizing the best side of the human element in business and had the greatest possible faith in his fellow men. Those who had won his friendship, became possessed of one of the staunchest friends and counsellors. He shunned all publicity in regard to his innumerable philanthropic acts. Those indebted to him for a helping hand at critical times are very many. To "give the man a chance," he was always ready. He liked to see his protégées fight against odds and succeed, just as he had done in the early days. His genial disposition never varied. His character and career are worthy of the best traditions of Scotland, his birthplace, and of Canada's pioneers. To the Great Beyond has passed an unobtrusive but effective nation builder, a man who did noble deeds without ostentation, a conscientious citizen of whom other men said with truth: "Here is a gentleman."