

1901. Obituary.

RICHARD THORBURN, M.D.

We have to announce, with deep regret, the death of Dr. Richard Thorburn, of Colborne, which occurred on December 15th. Deceased was the youngest son of the late David Thorburn, for some years M.P. for Lincoln in the old Provincial Parliament, and was born in Queenston in 1840. He graduated M.D. in the University of Toronto in 1865. After spending some time in England, he commenced practice in Queenston. In 1876 he removed to Colborne, where he continued in practice up to the time of his last illness.

Early in December he had some obscure cerebral symptoms, which were followed by left hemiplegia. As his condition was considered very serious, he was brought to Toronto for treatment. He sank rapidly, however, and died in ten days after his paralytic attack.

Deceased, who was unmarried, was a brother of Dr. James Thorburn, of Toronto. As a practising physician he was highly successful, and much respected by his patients and friends. He was always an ardent student and a constant reader of both medical and general literature, and always kept himself thoroughly abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to his profession.

The writer had the good fortune to know the deceased intimately, and he has no hesitation in saying that Dr. Dick Thorburn was one of the best physicians, and one of the most estimable men, that this country has produced.

DAVID A. NELLES, M.B.

Dr. David A. Nelles, of Thornhill, died at Grace Hospital, Toronto, after an illness of about five weeks. It is supposed that his death was indirectly due to an accident which occurred about two years ago, when he was injured by a fall.

He was born at Waterford forty-five years ago, educated at the Toronto School of Medicine, and graduated M.B. University of Toronto, 1879. He was very highly respected in Thornhill and a large portion of the County of York, on account of his skill as a physician, and also on account of his many charitable acts. His widow, a daughter of Mr. Berkeley Smith, Bursar of the University of Toronto, and two children, a son and daughter, survive.