

"Be it Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to Miss Croil, his daughter, as a memorial to one who as journalist, administrator and church member earned the title, "The Grand Old Man of the Canadian Presbyterian Church" and won the respect and esteem of his fellow-men through two generations."

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal held on the thirteenth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, *inter alia*, the following resolution was passed :

"The Presbytery of Montreal desires to place on record its sense of deep loss through the death of Mr. JAMES CROIL who passed away on the 28th day of November, 1916, at the great age of 95. Mr. CROIL was ordained an elder in 1850 and for nearly seventy years has served the Church with rare faithfulness and ability. He was early in life able to free himself from the cares of business, and as agent for the Church of Scotland in Canada before the Union, travelled throughout the land and acquired an unequalled knowledge of ecclesiastical and religious conditions. His sympathy and kindness made him an ideal editor for the *Presbyterian Record* when he held that appointment from 1876-91. His literary activities were not confined however, to his editorial work. Volume after volume dealing with local and provincial history came from his pen. In 1871 Mr. CROIL was inducted to the eldership in St. Paul's Church and as Sunday School superintendent, as representative of the congregation in the Presbytery, as wisest of counsellors and most genial of friends he made for himself a position that was most powerful and persuasive. The Presbytery regrets the loss of a brother most deeply beloved and a truly good man.

"It prays that the Divine blessing may rest upon the mourners and directs that the Clerk send an extract of this minute to his devoted family."

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