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In 1845 he married Agnes, daughter of the late Henry Johnstone, Esq., of Delaware. To them were born nine sons and two daughters, all of whom survive him except Henry, before mentioned, who died four years ago. The survivors are Stephen and Joseph, who farm the old homestead in Delaware, to which Mr. Weld was always very much attached; John, who has been for several years Assistant Manager of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE; Edmund, barrister-at-law, and Octavius, physician, both practicing their professions in London, Ont.; Thomas, Manager of the Manitoba Edition; Charles, a farmer near Winnipeg, and Corbin, the youngest, connected with the London Printing & Lithographing Co., in which his father was a heavy shareholder. The two daughters are Mrs. Mathewson, widow of the late Henry A. Mathewson, who was for many years connected with the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, and Mary, who resided with her parents at the family residence, Westwell House. He was a kind and loving husband, a tender and indulgent father, an affectionate and faithful friend. In social life he was most hospitable and his kindly, genial manner and many virtues will ever be remembered by those who knew him. No one in need ever asked aid in vain from him. Those who knew him best loved him most.

His funeral was one of the largest ever seen in the city of London, and was attended by an immense concourse on foot and in carriages, including his employes of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE and the London Printing and Lithographing Co., also by a large number of the Masonic fraternity and of St. George's Society, of both of which bodies the deceased was a much respected member and benefactor. The funeral services were held in St. Paul's Cathedral by the Bishop of Huron, the Dean of Huron and the Rev. R. Hicks, after which his remains were conveyed to Woodland Cemetery, his eight sons acting as pall-bearers, where the last sad rites were performed by the Rev. Dean Innes and the Masonic brethren.

All the leading newspapers of Canada have, in kindly terms, made reference to his death. Below are copied a few brief extracts:—

..... What Geo. Brown was to the Reform party, Mr. Weld has been to the farmers of Canada. He was a fearless and independent writer, and though many differed from him they always credited him with pure and honest motives, and being a man who had the interests of the farmers at heart. His struggles in the early history of the ADVOCATE were attended by trials and difficulties, but his indomitable pluck, intelligence and energy, backed by good health pushed it in the front rank of Canadian newspapers. By his efforts and writings he has done more than any other man to keep out of Canada all the dreaded infectious and contagious stock diseases, and to this end he has freely and liberally spent of his means..... The world is the better because he lived, and many in all parts of Canada will regret his having passed away.—[Toronto Mail.

A life of more than ordinary usefulness to the community was cut short in a terrible manner, when Mr. Wm. Weld, the veteran editor of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, of London, was drowned

in a tank of water in his own residence. A practical farmer, and an enthusiast in everything that tended to advance the interests of his class, Mr. Weld has done a good work in Canada, which will not be interred in the grave with him, but will live long afterward. His paper had come to be looked on by great numbers of the most progressive farmers in the Dominion as a sturdy champion of their interests—a journal issued by practical men for practical men. Agricultural papers published by theorists have many a time sprung up in Canada and withered in a day, but the ADVOCATE has steadily grown and flourished until it is to day, beyond comparison, the leading paper of its class in the Dominion. To Mr. Weld's honesty and perseverance the credit is wholly due. He was kindly, warm-hearted, intolerant of dishonesty and hypocrisy, solicitous for the welfare of the class for whom he labored, and devoted to the interests of the journal which he had founded. Mr. Weld will be mourned by many, for his friends were many.—[St. Thomas Journal.

Mr. Weld was well-known in Ontario, and had the reputation of being a perfectly upright and honorable gentleman.—[Parkhill Gazette.

The death of Mr. William Weld, proprietor of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, is a loss to agricultural journalism on the continent. Mr. Weld started the ADVOCATE twenty-five years ago, and succeeded in making it one of the most extensively read papers in the Dominion. The tragic manner of his taking off,..... makes his death the more sad. Mr. Weld was well known throughout Canada, and before he took to journalism farmed in the township of Delaware.—[Strathroy Age.

Our farmer friends, to whom the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, of London, Ont., has been for years a welcome visitor, will learn with regret of the death of the founder and editor of that excellent journal. .... Being a practical farmer, and possessing a large fund of information relating thereto, he was peculiarly well-fitted for imparting valuable knowledge through the medium of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, which he established in 1866. The paper has a very large circulation in rural sections, and has been the means of doing great good in improving farm stock and introducing new and useful varieties of seed.—[Bruce Herald.

..... Deceased was well-known to the farmers of Canada, his judgment in matters of stock, agriculture and everything that concerned the farm, being held in high esteem.—[Ridgetown Standard.

..... Mr. Weld was the pioneer and leader of agricultural journalism in Canada, and his demise is to be deeply regretted, especially by the farming community, to whose interests his life's best efforts and energy have been devoted. His independence, his earnestness, and indefatigable pluck made him a complete success, and through his zealous writings Canadian agriculturists have been greatly aided in the development of more scientific methods of farming and stock raising; for probably more credit is due Mr. Weld for the material help he has rendered our farmers, whose interests he had genuinely at heart, than to any other single individual. His relations and friends may be consoled by the fact that our country is much the better for his having lived in our midst.—[Massey's Illustrated.

Mr. Weld was a successful farmer, and was honorable and upright in all his dealings.—[Toronto Globe.

..... Mr. Thomas Weld, manager of the Manitoba edition, had just returned to Winnipeg from London, leaving his father at the station in good health, and had not been four hours here when the telegram arrived announcing his father's death. Deceased was a native of England, and had been engaged in agricultural journalism for over quarter of a century, during which time the vigor, determination and earnestness which characterized his early life as a pioneer farmer was devoted to the publication of the ADVOCATE, and enabled him to overcome a host of difficulties that would have borne down a less determined character. His single purpose after entering the field of journalism seemed to be to produce a paper that would command the respect and attention of farmers, in which he was eminently successful. He outlived the quarter century anniversary of his paper but a few days. .... The family have the energy and pluck of the lamented father and have in every instance made a success of the business chosen. It has been a life-long custom of the Weld family to gather beneath the parental roof at Christmas when at all practicable, all having enjoyed that privilege this season, little expecting that the pleasant memories of that occasion should be so soon disturbed by such a shock as this mournful occurrence inflicts. Mr. Weld has visited this country several times, his last visit being in October 1890 when he travelled somewhat extensively in the province, and later gave an interesting account of his trip.—[Winnipeg Tribune.

The Free Press and Western Advertiser which are published in London, as well as a host of other papers, referred in touching terms to the deceased, but space forbids further mention.

The following resolution was adopted by the Ontario Creameries' Association:—

Moved by Prof. Jas. W. Robertson, seconded by John Hannah, and resolved: That it is with feelings of deep regret that we have learned of the sad decease of the late William Weld, founder, editor and proprietor of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, of London, Ont., and whereas we recognize the energy, integrity and fearless advocacy of the rights and interests of the farmers of the Dominion that always characterized his public life, we hereby place on record our heartfelt appreciation of the valuable services which our late highly respected co-worker rendered to the people of Canada, and our sincere sympathy with his bereaved relatives in the irreparable loss which they have sustained by the untimely ending of his life.

We had not the pleasure of Mr. Weld's acquaintance, but, in common with every one else who takes an interest in agricultural affairs, have for a long time been aware of the immense benefit which his life and work have conferred upon the farmers of Canada. We sincerely offer to his family, and to the members of the staff of your office, our condolence and sympathy. We are quite sure that in doing so we also express the sentiments of all those who are connected with our paper, for to them, as to us, Mr. Weld's work was well known.

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We knew his worth to the farmers of Canada. He has been doing a great work for the advancement and prosperity of the Dominion.

SMITH BROS., Churchville, Ont.