

undertook he did with all his energy, never sparing himself. He was a man of great executive ability, and never undertook duties which he did not perform.

He was President of the Protestant Insane Asylum, Treasurer of the Mackay Deaf and Dumb Institute, closely identified with the Ladies' Benevolent Association and many other charities too numerous to mention. There was one charity, however, which was very dear to his heart, and with which he was more closely associated than any other. We refer to the Montreal General Hospital, of which he was President. Under Mr. Thomas's presidency the hospital made many and great advances; when he took office, six years ago, the hospital was old-fashioned, out of repair, unsightly and unsanitary, and much in the same condition as it had been for sixty years. Mr. Thomas converted it into a modern hospital, well equipped with all the latest appliances, having bright, cheerful, airy wards, capacious and aseptic operating rooms, modern electrical plant and ventilating apparatus, etc. The money required for these improvements he himself was chiefly instrumental in collecting. In addition to this, by his exertions, a most beautiful and comfortable Jubilee Nurses' Home was built, the foundation stone of which was laid by Lord Lister when he was here with the British Association in 1897. Mr. Thomas was always thinking in what manner he could improve his beloved charity, and on his death bed was planning for the erection of an Out-Patient Department.

Mr. Thomas was a most energetic and resourceful man, of wide and varied sympathies, and having a keen insight into affairs. His position as a banker is well known to all, and notwithstanding his active connection with so many charitable institutions, the work of his bank was never neglected. We often were amazed that he could do so much outside work and yet make such a grand success of the banking house with which he was associated. His death removed one who will be greatly missed both in the commercial and charitable world. Especially will he be mourned for at the Montreal General Hospital, where he was so often seen and for which he did so much. His family have our sincere sympathy in their great loss.

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#### DR. JOSEPH ALLAN, OF OSGOODE STATION.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Dr. Joseph Allan, of Osgoode Station, at the advanced age of 77 years. Dr. Allan was for over half a century one of the leading practitioners of the Ottawa Valley. A few years ago he was compelled by failing health to retire from active practice. He received his medical education in Glasgow, taking the license of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of that city as far