

TRIBUTES TO AN ESTEEMED CITIZEN.

There could have been no greater proof of the high esteem in which Mr. F. H. Mathewson was held, than the number and the class of people that attended his funeral. It was without exception the most representative gathering for such an occasion, ever seen in Montreal.

The Council of the Board of Trade at its meeting on Wednesday, passed the following resolution:

"That the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade is most deeply grieved at the loss the board

handling the business before the council, by an energetic and most successful effort to add to the membership of the board, and by a series of most graceful hospitalities;

"That during his term of office as president, Mr. Mathewson headed the delegation which represented the board at the sixth congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, held last year in London, and that he was one of the few delegates who had the honor of being presented to the King;

"That to Mr. Mathewson's great business ability was added a charm of manner that endeared him

The Late F. H. Mathewson.

The death of Mr. Mathewson came as a great shock to the financial and commercial community of Montreal. He was well known, highly respected, and by those who knew him best, regarded with nothing short of personal affection. He looked the picture of health, few even suspected that he was suffering from the heart trouble which placed him at the mercy of a comparatively trifling accident. He passed to the Great Beyond, in the very zenith of a remarkably creditable and successful career, and those who mourn him most may well ask themselves if this is not the better fate for a man. That Mr. Mathewson was able to retain his high reputation as a banker and the confidence of his directors, and at the same time to maintain his popularity with the public, speaks well for his ability and his unflinching tact. The secret was in the natural kindly and modest disposition of the man whose broad sympathies won friends for the bank, as well as for himself.

As a citizen no less than as a banker, Mr. Mathewson will be greatly missed. He seemed to conscientiously realize his re-

sponsibilities in every relation of life. Without being an aggressive partisan, he took a keen interest in the public affairs of Montreal, of Canada, and of the Empire. He rendered valuable service in the Board of Trade, of which he had been president, and in the Diocesan Synod of the Church of England. He did his best to encourage a moderate, reasonable and healthy interest in athletic sports, being at the time of his death vice-president of the M.A.A.A. In short, whatever tended to the moral, physical or material improvement of the people, had his active encouragement.

That the Canadian Bank of Commerce has lost a valuable and highly appreciated official, is matter of general public knowledge; and there will be much sympathy with Mr. B. E. Walker and his associates. Even those upon whom the blow falls the heaviest, the bereaved family, may find some consolation in the general appreciation of Mr. Mathewson's merits and in the uniform recognition of the fact that the community in which he dwelt, is distinctly the better for his having lived in it.

and the business community in general have sustained by the death of Mr. Frank H. Mathewson, for whom a career of continued usefulness as a high-minded man of affairs had been anticipated.

"That, elected a member of the council in 1904, Mr. Mathewson's marked ability was so widely appreciated as to result in his election to the first vice-presidency the following year, and his discharge of the duties of that position led to his being elected president for the year 1906, he being the first banker to hold that office;

"That Mr. Mathewson's occupancy of the presidency was distinguished by great capability in

to all with whom he was intimately associated, and that these qualities gave him great influence with his fellow men and made for the success of any movement in the public interest to which he gave his support;

"That the exceptionally large attendance of the general members of the board at Mr. Mathewson's funeral testified to the special regard and respect they entertained for their ex-president, and to their regret at his untimely death;

"That the council tenders to Mrs. Mathewson and the family its deep sympathy in this most sad and unexpected bereavement."