

DEATH OF JAMES WEBSTER, ESQ.

It is our melancholy duty this morning to record the death of James Webster, Esq., Registrar of this County, which took place on Saturday evening about six o'clock. The event was not altogether unexpected, for during the past few weeks he had been getting gradually weaker, and at last his once strong frame succumbed to the power of disease. The first symptoms of his complaint—softening of the brain—appeared so far back as July, 1887. Its progress was slow but sure, and though during the first six months of his illness he was able to attend to business, yet for a year past and more he was almost confined to the house. All that medical skill could devise was of no avail. The disease was too firmly seated to be removed, and at last it claimed the mastery.

Mr. Webster was so well and widely known, he was so intimately connected with the early history of this County, and as a representative of the people in Parliament, and in many other ways, occupied a prominent position, that the recital of a few of the leading events in his life will at the present time be read with interest. He was the second son of James Webster, Esq., of Balruddery, County of Forfar, Scotland, and was born on the 28th May 1808 and was consequently at the time of his death in the sixty-first year of his age. In the year 1833—six years after Guelph was founded—he emigrated to Canada, his companion on the voyage being the late Rev. Peter Bell, Mr. Webster's tutor—and who is also well known as the inventor of the reaping machine.—Some two years previous to that the late Hon. Adam Ferguson had made a tour through Canada. He returned to this country in 1833 along with Mr. Webster, and the two bought on shares 2,200 acres of land in the Township of Nichol, and founded the village of Fergus. Mr. Webster, and another gentleman from Scotland—Mr. Bust—took up their residence in the first house ever built in Fergus, and passed the winter of 1833-4 in what was then the solitude of the forest, though Fergus is now a large and thriving village, and the scene of busy industry. Through the efforts mainly of Mr. Webster, settlers began to come in. Mr. A. D. Ferrier, who came to Fergus in 1834, states that in the summer of that year, several houses, including an inn, were put up, a church and school house soon followed, and in the autumn a good many settlers bought lots and planted themselves down in the bush. Mr. Webster, the most lively interested in the progress and prosperity of the village. The early settlers had to contend with a winter to encounter and a summer to contend with, but they had a true friend in Mr. Webster, who was ever ready to lend them a helping hand, and cheer them on their way. Many of these old settlers, yet alive, will bear his memory in great affection and gratitude for the many acts of kindness done to them by him while they were yet strangers in a strange land, and beginning as it were the world anew.

As might be expected the subject of our sketch, from his position and influence, took from the first a great interest in all matters of a public character connected with the village which had done so much to build up, and also with the Township of Nichol. In 1835 he was in conjunction with the late Mr. Geo. Wilson and Mr. Gilkinson appointed Township Commissioners, which office he held for some time. He was appointed Commissioner of the Court Requests—which united the functions of the present County Court and Division Court—in 1840. When the new Municipal Act came in force he was appointed a District Councillor for the Township of Nichol. In 1844, when the second election took place for the then District of Wellington, Mr. Webster opposed Mr. Durand in the Conservative interest, and was declared elected by the small majority of seven. After sitting for three years, the House was dissolved and Mr. Webster and the late Hon. Mr. Fergusson Blair contested the District. The former was declared elected, but Mr. Blair petitioned against his return, and Mr. Webster resigned rather than stand a scrutiny.

After being in business for a number of years in Fergus, Mr. Webster removed to Guelph, in 1852, where he opened a land agency office, and did a very large business till the crisis of 1867 came, by the effects of which like many more he was a heavy sufferer. In 1857 at the general election he contested the North Riding of Wellington in the Conservative interest against the late Mr. Charles Allan. The latter was elected but was afterwards unseated. Mr. Allan's death occurred in the interval and at the next election for the Riding, Mr. Webster ran against Mr. James Ross in 1859, but was defeated. This was his last appearance in the political arena. This same year (1859) he was elected Mayor of Guelph, and discharged the duties of the office with credit to himself and profit to the town. In June of the same year he was on the death of the late Mr. Peterson appointed Registrar of the County of Wellington, and held the office till his death.

For many years Mr. Webster took an active interest in the organization and success of the militia and volunteer movements in the District and County. In March 1839 he received his commission as Major of the old 13th Gore Militia. In April 1847, he was gazetted Lieut-Col. of the 6th Waterloo Militia; in June 1853 he was appointed Lieut-Col. of the 3rd Wellington (Erin) Militia; and when the Volunteer force was organized by

Sir Allan, McNab in 1856, he was on the 10th of July in that year gazetted Colonel of the 6th Military District, which commission he held till the re-organization of the Volunteer force, and the appointment of Brigade Major. In the performance of the duties pertaining to these offices, he was always prompt and careful, and as an instance of this we may mention that during the excitement attending the Trent affair, he took charge of his own and Sir Allan McNab's Districts (Sir Allan being in England at the time) and was on constant duty for a month.

In politics Mr. Webster was a keen and consistent Conservative, but though engaged in many contests we believe he came out of them all without making a single personal enemy. In private life he was a most genial companion, a true and steadfast friend, and had a kindly word for everybody who had any dealings with him. He was held in great respect by all who knew him, and more especially by those who came in contact with him in the early years of the settlement of this County. In losing him we lose one of the most prominent landmarks which divides those years from the present, for to him and his associates we owe much for their untiring efforts and energy in settling and building up one of the most prosperous sections of this County.

The deceased was married in March 1838 to Margaret, eldest daughter of the late George Wilson, Esq., of Glasgow, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and leaves behind him a large family of eleven children. Two of his brothers and two sisters still survive him. One of his brothers is in Scotland, and one in New Zealand. One of his sisters is married to the Rev. Dr. Barty, present Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

The funeral will take place to-morrow at 12 o'clock and will no doubt be a very large one, for besides most of our citizens, many of the residents from Fergus, Nichol and other places in the Centre Riding, as well as from different parts of the Province will no doubt be present.

Heavy Robbery in Arthur Village, Special Despatch to Guelph Mercury.

Arthur Village, Feb 8th. The store of Mr. Huggins, of this village, was broken into through a back window by burglars at an early hour this morning. After ransacking the shop, they appear to have gone up stairs, entered Mr. Huggins' bedroom, and carried away his cash box, which was afterwards found empty in a stable at the rear of the store. Nothing but money was taken, and the amount is nearly \$3,000. No trace of the robbers yet.

THE COUNTY PRINTING.—We shall have something to say to-morrow on the *Advertiser's* plaintive wail of Saturday on this subject.

Mrs. O'Don. Ross has kindly consented, "from the depths of my Irish heart," to read a second time for the edification of her compatriots of Chicago.

Sentimentalists sing, "Give me a cot in the valley I love," but persons of a more practical turn would prefer a wadded French bedstead.

"Life's path is rough," the old man said. "I'm weary, I would that I were dead." "I asked what ailed him, and he replied, 'In jumbling events he is my friend, 'Tis not that I am feeble, old, or blind.'"

Some persons who are similarly afflicted with this complaint, Dr. Harvey & Co. send a box of Brigg's Curative, and in a jiffy his or her Corns, with all its torments, will disappear. For sale by all druggists. C. H. Wright & Co., Agents for British Possessions. The counter is open, and the counter is open, daily at 10 o'clock in the afternoon.

The book of the day, "The Life of the late Mr. Webster," is now on hand. It is a most interesting and valuable work, and is now on hand. It is a most interesting and valuable work, and is now on hand.

Hotel Arrivals, COULSON HOUSE, GUELPH, Feb. 8th, 1890. J. B. Markle, Elmira; W. D. Ellis, Elmira; A. T. Bradley, Queenston; W. Bell, Montreal; C. Foy, Montreal; H. Davidson, Toronto; Mrs. R. Thornton, Toronto; Miss E. Thornton, Toronto; J. West, Detroit; J. Atkinson, Woodstock; H. K. Whyte, Toronto; A. Allan, Toronto; Dr. Burnside, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, with their son and daughter, Scottish Vocalects.

MARRIAGES. WATT, LINDSEY.—At Guelph, on the 6th inst., by the Rev. W. W. Bell, Mr. Andrew Watt, of Guelph, to Miss Elizabeth Lindsey, of Elmira.

STRONG, KIRBY.—At Guelph, on the 6th inst., by the Rev. John Hoag, Mr. Peter Strong, farmer, to Miss Mary Ann Kirby, both of Michn.

DIED. WEBSTER.—At Guelph, on the 6th inst., James Webster, Esq., Registrar of the County of Wellington, in the 61st year of his age. The deceased was a native of Forfarshire, Scotland, and a resident of this County for upwards of thirty years.

The funeral will take place to-morrow at 12 o'clock, noon, punctually.

A RARE CHANCE. A Six Year's Lease and Furniture of a First-class Hotel in the Town of Guelph for sale.

To be sold by private sale, a six year's lease and furniture of one of the best Hotels in the Town of Guelph. The subscriber being about to leave Canada, wishes to dispose of the above. For further particulars apply to M. DEADY, Deady's Hotel, Guelph, Guelph, 8th Feb. dtf

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