

THE LATE EDWARD MACKAY.

The deceased gentleman was born in Sutherlandshire, Scotland, in March, 1813, and was consequently in his 71st year. He came to Canada in 1840 determined to share his fortune with others of his family who had preceded him, he having been then in his 28th year. After about six months spent in Kingston he came to Montreal and became a clerk in the dry goods house of his brother, the late respected Mr. Joseph Mackay. His assiduity soon commended him for the position of partner, and in 1850 he was admitted to the business, the firm becoming known as that of Joseph Mackay & Brother. In 1875 he retired from the business in favor of his three nephews and the firm became Mackay Bros. The deceased was held in high esteem by all classes of the community, his business sagacity rendering his advice desirable whether in case of business or of public matters. With his customers far and wide he was most popular, as well as with his clerks and employees from the highest to the lowest, and it is generally conceded that he was pre-eminently the member of the firm who built it up and made it what it is. Among the many commercial corporations with which he was associated may be named the Bank of Montreal, of which he was long a director; the Lancashire Life Assurance Company; President of the Canada Cotton Company and the Colonial Buildings and Investment Association; director of the Montreal Rolling Mills Company, and director of the Shedden Company. He was a governor of the Montreal General Hospital and a member of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, under the McKenzie administration, of which in common with the reform party generally he had been a supporter. Although never standing for Parliament he was often solicited to allow himself to be put in nomination for Montreal West.

Mr. Mackay gave liberally to charities during his whole life, but not in the ostentatious manner that often does much to mar the effect of charity. In his capacity of President of the Institution for Deaf-Mutes his work was conspicuous. He had been identified with Crescent Street Presbyterian Church from its foundation in 1844. The deceased gentleman was of singularly robust constitution, having scarcely ever known a day's sickness in his life up to the fatal attack which so quickly carried him off, on Sunday. On Tuesday last, towards evening,



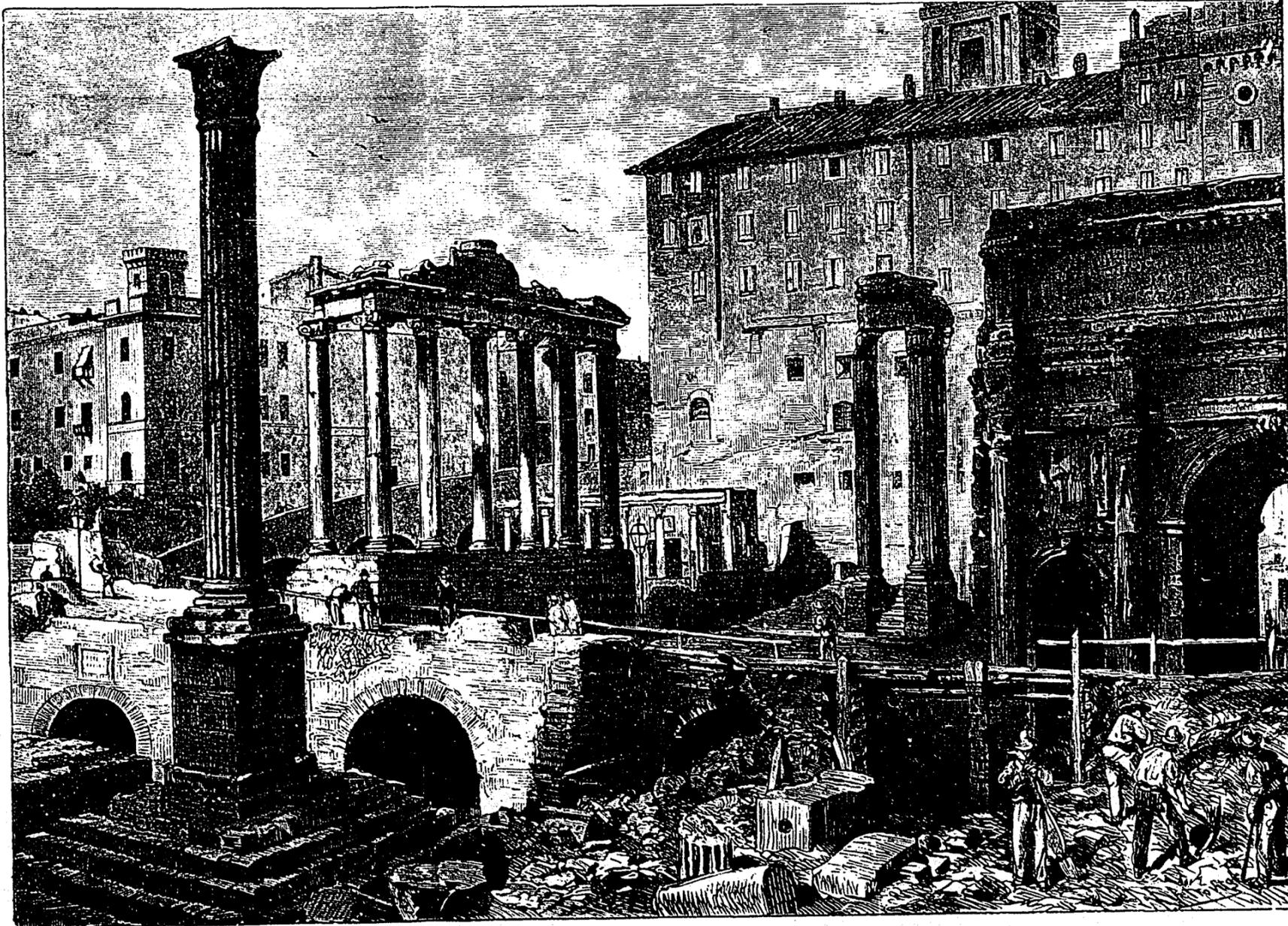
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he felt unwell, having been about as usual during the day. He felt worse on Wednesday and Dr. Craik, the family physician, was called in, who pronounced his ailment to be acute pneumonia. He continued to grow worse when Drs. Roddick and R. P. Howard were summoned in consultation. All, however, was unavailing, and at an early hour Sunday morning he breathed his last in the presence of his only remaining brother, his nephews and nieces, and the physicians. Mr. Mackay was never married.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon from the family residence, "Kildonan Hall." The remains, which were laid out in one of the parlors, were viewed by a large number of our prominent citizens. The floral offerings were very numerous and beautiful, the handsome casket in which the remains was laid being literally covered with flowers and wreaths. The *corlyge*, after forming, proceeded to Crescent Street Church, the following gentlemen acting as pall-bearers, namely, the Hon. Donald A. Smith, the Hon. Justice Torrance and Messrs. Thos. Workman, Andrew Robertson, Robt. Benny, John Stirling, F. W. Thomas and C. F. Smithers. The funeral procession was one of the largest seen of late years in our city, including the leading business and professional men of the city, besides the pupils of the Mackay Institute and the employees of the Mackay Brothers establishment, who attended the funeral in a body. At Crescent Street Church, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the Rev. A. B. Mackay, the pastor of the church, conducted an impressive funeral service before a full church. After the reading of appropriate selections from the Scriptures and the singing of a hymn by those present, the Rev. Mr. Mackay, in speaking of the death of this esteemed and respected citizen, said:—

There are two ministers in our city who would be the best qualified to speak of our late brother, the Rev. Principal MacVicar, who is absent from the city, attending the bedside of a friend who lies dangerously ill, and the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, who is prevented from illness from being present, but who writes a note, which I will read, and which is as follows:

DEAR MR. MACKAY,—I deeply regret that I am prevented from being with you, as you wished, at the funeral service of my old friend, Edward Mackay. Him, and his late venerated brother Joseph, I have long known for five and



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