

Most of the leading newspapers had laudatory notices of Mr. Pringle. The *Toronto Mail* said: "The news of his sudden demise was a shock to his many friends in the district, where he was universally esteemed. Mr. Pringle was born in the township of Richmond on April 1st, 1841. He studied medicine for a time, but abandoned it to become an agriculturist and apiarist. He was recognized as one of the leading beekeepers of Ontario, and superintended the honey exhibit at the World's Fair for the Ontario Government. He was a skilful and successful farmer also, and his farm, in the township of Richmond, is in all respects a model one. Deceased was a deep thinker and a logical reasoner, and as a writer of clear, forcible English will take high rank. He was a contributor to many magazines and newspapers both in the United States and Canada, and was in close touch with some of the ablest thinkers on this continent. Deceased was a man of sterling honesty and integrity. He was a very abstemious man and a vegetarian."

The *Toronto Globe* said: "We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. Allen Pringle, which took place after an illness of a few weeks. Mr. Pringle was a farmer who understood his business thoroughly, and was chosen to represent the important department of beekeeping at the World's Fair. He was a close student of economic questions, especially as they related to the condition of the farmer, and he expressed his views on these questions with much force and clearness. He was engaged in some keen controversies, and he won a reputation as a model fighter, fearless, candid and fair, stating his own opinions clearly and defending them with vigor, and never seeking to misrepresent those of an opponent. In a letter written to the *Globe* a few days ago, Mr. Pringle promised us a series of letters combating our views on the money question. The last few sentences of his letter—his last words to the public, as it turns out—are so characteristic of the man in their courage and good humor, that we repeat them here: "I shall hold myself in readiness when the time comes to answer fairly and squarely any argument in fact, figures, history or science which the *Globe* or any other paper or person can present decently in favor of the gold standard and against bimetalism. This is neither egotism nor fanaticism. It is the confidence that comes from the consciousness that one is right in a great cause. But I write in bed, with much difficulty, and must desist for the present."

The *Montreal Witness* said: "Two weeks ago Mr. Allen Pringle, Selby, was attacked with stomach trouble, and was compelled to desist from food. A week ago he was confined to bed, and died yesterday [July 22]. Born in 1841, in Lennoxville county, he began life as a school teacher, and then became an apiarist, his knowledge of bee-culture making him an authority. He was Ontario's bee commissioner at the World's Fair. He was an able writer on political, religious, and secular matters. His education was all self-taught. A widow and one daughter survive. His father was a local preacher, but the son was an agnostic. He was not a believer in doctors or drugs. Mr. Ellis, Toronto, will deliver an address at his burial to-morrow."

Mr. Pringle was the President of the Canadian Secular Union, and it was at his special request, made to Mrs. Pringle only a few hours before his death, that Mr. Ellis, the secretary of the Union, of Toronto, attended the funeral. It may be mentioned, too, that the address delivered on the occasion consisted mainly of portions of a funeral service which had been prepared by Mr. Ellis and revised by the deceased but a few months ago.