

## Obituary.

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### Francis Rae, M.D.

VERY genuine regret is felt by the members of the profession in Ontario at the loss sustained through the death of Dr. Rae, of Oshawa, which occurred last month, resulting from apoplexy, at the age of 62. He was born in Fredericton, N.B., on July 3rd, 1833, of Scottish parentage, and some few years after that date the family moved to Stouffville, York County, where they settled permanently. Dr. Rae went through the usual course of a common school, Normal school and University education. In the interval between his public school and University course, he taught school in several places, chiefly at Stouffville and in Prince Albert. During this time he began the study of medicine, and took the degree of M.B. in 1865, and at once commenced the practice of his profession with the late Dr McGill, of Oshawa. He graduated in medicine the following year at Toronto University. He was coroner for the county from 1868; in 1882 was appointed to the Provincial Board of Health, and was Chairman of the Board for some time. He was surgeon to the 34th Battalion for years, and lately gazetted Surgeon-Major. All the important positions were held satisfactorily and filled efficiently. In politics he was a prominent Liberal. In 1887 he was the nominee of the Liberal party for a seat in the House of Commons, but was defeated. He took a lively interest in municipal as well as other matters. He was honored with the Reeveship of Oshawa from 1876 to 1880; and when the village had taken its stand among the towns, he filled the Mayor's chair from 1880 to 1886. He was a member of the Board of Education, and Chairman of the Board of License Commissioners for South Ontario, and had recently been appointed Registrar of the county.

In speaking of his funeral the *Whitby Chronicle* says: "No such spectacle was ever before witnessed in this county as the funeral on Monday afternoon. The many thousands who gathered to take part in the last sad rites, the sad faces betokening sorrowful hearts, the all-pervading humility of all, gave token of a feeling and an occasion not often witnessed in our poor lives. The trains from all directions were loaded, and from distances of twenty-five or thirty miles men drove in the burning sun of that hot day to witness the ceremonies. Lieut.-Col. Paterson summoned together the officers of the 34th Battalion and several companies of volunteers, lodges congregated