

Death of Jas. B. Durham.

During the past few weeks we have been called upon on two occasions to chronicle the deaths of two well-known citizens who have passed from life's eventful journey. This week it is with sadness we have to announce the death of another of our citizens in the person of Mr. James Blanchfield Durham, who died on Saturday, after an illness extending over a few weeks. Early in July he had a severe attack of rheumatism. Some time after liver trouble manifested itself, and in a very short time claimed the deceased as its victim. He died with a calm and peaceful expression and looked almost as natural in death as in life. Deceased was born in the Township of Trafalgar, County of Halton, on the 30th May, 1830. In his boyhood days he spent much of his time in and about saw-mills and in lumbering camps. In 1853 he took up residence in Barrie and engaged in lumbering. In 1855 he married Harriet Saunders, daughter of Geo. W. Saunders, St. Vincent Township, County of Grey, and in the year 1860 came to Bradford to assume the oversight of T. Smith & Sons' Saw-mills, which position he filled for over twenty years, when the mills were removed north. The remaining years of his life were devoted to farming. He was a man of wonderful vitality, industrious and persevering, and was highly respected by everybody. He was a Reformer in Politics. Besides a widow deceased leaves a family of nine grown up children—five boys and four girls. They are: T. S. Durham, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Sidney Durham of British Columbia; Mrs. E. S. Meeking, of Allandale; Jas. E. Durham, of Tonawanda, N. Y.; Edgar and Miss Ella, of Bradford; Clara, of the Jewish Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio; Hattie, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. and Wilbert of Bay City, Mich. All were present at the funeral with the exception of two, Sidney and Wilbert, who were unable to get here. The funeral took place on Tuesday morning from the family residence, "Durham Place", for the depot here, and thence to Barrie Union Cemetery. Rev. Mr. Smith, of the Presbyterian church conducted the services at the house and also at the grave. Deceased was in his 71st year. THE WITNESS joins in conveying sympathy to the bereaved family.