

OBITUARY

WALTER REEVES

Just twelve days after a seizure from thrombosis, Walter Reeves, long Town Constable for Bradford, passed away at his home here on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Reeves had apparently been in his usual good health and was on duty as usual right up to the hour of his attack.

Born in England, the late Mr. Reeves came to this country and to Bradford at the age of thirteen. By trade he was a mattress maker and in his younger days he worked in the factory here and with Mr. B. B. Collings, as well as being foreman in a Toronto factory for a number of years.

He was a great athlete, being a member of the famous Bradford lacrosse championship team of 1908-9, and also played professional lacrosse with the Toronto Tecumsehs. While lacrosse was the game in which he

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excelled, in more recent years he was an ardent bowler and curler.

A Past Master of Simcoe Masonic Lodge, No. 79, Mr. Reeves was secretary of that lodge at the time of his death. In religion he was an Anglican.

Seventeen years ago the deceased was appointed Town Constable and during that long term he has carried out his duties efficiently. He knew practically everyone in the commun-

ity and the weaknesses of the trouble makers. Never officious in manner, he often played the role of peace-maker rather than that of an enforcer of the law. Rowdiness usually ceased when "Gunch" appeared. He was always faithfully on duty and unafraid, and during his long term of office Bradford has been more fortunate than many places for its comparatively good law-abiding record. "Gunch's" place will be hard to fill.

About 38 years ago he was married to Sadie Saint of Bradford, who survives him. Also surviving is their only daughter, Mrs. Harvey Marks (Dorothy) of Bradford, and three grandchildren, Noreen, Beverley and Billie Marks.

The funeral was from Trinity Anglican Church on Thursday afternoon when the large attendance indicated the high esteem in which he was held. Business places in Bradford were closed during the hour of service as a mark of respect. Services were conducted by Rev. H. G. Blake, his rector, and by the members of the Masonic Lodge and interment was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Coulson's Hill.

The pallbearers were members of the Provincial Police force from Barrie District, namely, Sgt. Hamilton, Constables Poland, Bray and Freeman of Barrie; Constable Kirk of Collingwood, and Constable Krueger, Bond Head.