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H. L. BLACKWELL

With startling suddenness a prominent business man and popular citizen, Mr. H. L. Blackwell, manager of the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, was removed by death early Saturday morning, August 10th. Mr. Blackwell, who appeared to enjoy good health, had been at his office all of the previous day, returning home shortly after five o'clock, where he decided to do a little trimming around the shrubbery on the lawn. A few minutes later his little son, Keith, found him lying unconscious where he had fallen beside a shrub. From this he rallied and was able with assistance to walk into the house but another seizure quickly followed and despite the efforts of three doctors, one of them a specialist summoned from Toronto, he did not again regain consciousness, passing away shortly after midnight. His death was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage.

Harold Leeds Blackwell was born in Peterborough, educated in that city, and on leaving school entered the Canadian Bank of Commerce there. From Peterborough he was transferred to Saskatchewan where he served in the bank in Saskatoon, Weyburn, Fort Francis, Rainy River, Prince Albert and Drinkwater. From Saskatchewan he transferred to Sudbury and Coniston, coming to Bradford three years ago last May.

While in Bradford Mr. Blackwell made many friends, who mourn the loss of an esteemed citizen. He was an able member of the Board of Education, serving as chairman this year. In Masonic work Mr. Blackwell was keenly interested and held the office of Senior Deacon in Simcoe Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at the time of his death.

The sympathy of the community is extended to his wife and family, Gilbert, Isobel and Keith, in their loss of a most devoted husband and father, also to his father, Mr. James Blackwell of Peterborough, and his brothers, Wilfred of Winnipeg and Eric of Peterborough, and his aunt, Miss Dench of Peterborough.

The funeral was held on Monday, August 12th, from his late residence under the auspices of Simcoe Lodge A. F. & A. M., Rev. C. H. Forth of the United Church, of which the deceased was a member, assisted by Rev. G. Channen of Trinity Anglican church, and Rev. T. J. Dew of Mimico conducted the service, after which the funeral cortege left by motor for St. Thomas.

The following is copied from the St. Thomas Times-Journal.

The funeral of Harold Blackwell, well-known and highly-esteemed resident of Bradford (manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce) whose sudden death occurred Friday night after a few hours' illness, was held on Monday at his late residence under the auspices of Simcoe Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Bradford, Rev. Mr. Forth, of the United Church; Rev. Mr. Dew, of the Anglican Church, Mimico, and Rev. Mr. Channen, of the Anglican Church, Bradford, conducted the services at Bradford, after which the funeral cortege left by motor for St. Thomas, where a large number of relatives and friends from London, Dutton Payne's Mills, St. Thomas and vicinity had gathered at the L. B. Sifton funeral home to pay their last tribute of respect. Rev. David Rogers conducted the services at St. Thomas. The pallbearers were Alex. Spence, Geo. G. Green, C. Willson, S. Lee, O. Lukes and T. Bell. The honorary bearers were C. Evans, B. Broderick, Max. Bemrose, J. Worfolk, J. Cullingham and F. Kilkenny. Many beautiful flowers banked and surrounded the casket including, pillow, "Father," from the family; and other lovely designs from brothers and sisters; Simcoe Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Bradford; head office Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto; Bradford branch Canadian Bank of Commerce; Board of Education, Bradford; staff and students of high school; staff

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and students of public school; United Church, Bradford; United Church, Coniston; Ontario Athletic Commission, Boys' Camp, Orillia; Bradford Wood Products; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Spence, Bradford; Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Lukes, Bradford; Miss Eileen Church, Bradford; Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, Coniston; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Snor, Bradford; Mr. and Mrs. Kettlewell, St. Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. Roy McKenzie, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Muir and Marguerite, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Maynard, Unionville.

Relatives and friends in attendance at Bradford were James Blackwell, father, and brother, Eric Blackwell, and family, Peterboro; Mrs. F. McBane and son Kenneth, Toronto; Dr. C. R. McKenzie and D. M. McBane, St. Thomas; B. Q. Dench, Lakefield; Mr. and Mrs. Muir and daughter, Toronto; Mr. Chatford, Mr. Tumonds (head office) Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Dale, Keswick; Mrs. Fennell, Toronto; Rev. and Mrs. Dew, Mimico; Bruce Gilbert, Toronto, and Mr. Whiteside Hamilton.