

Joseph D. Booth.

Again it becomes our painful duty to chronicle the decease of one of Bradford's most prominent citizens. Mr. Joseph D. Booth passed away at 3 a.m. Wednesday, the 15th day of March, after an illness of only a few hours, in the 65th year of his age, leaving a widow and six grown-up children, — three sons and three daughters. On Monday Mr. Booth was apparently in his usual health, and during the day was in this office transacting business. On retiring to rest on Monday night he complained of a pain about the heart and said he felt afraid to lie down. About 2 o'clock Mrs. Booth was awakened by his heavy breathing and tried to arouse him, but all efforts failed. Medical aid was summoned and everything done to restore him to consciousness but in vain. Twenty-four hours after, or about 3 o'clock on Wednesday morning, the vital spark escaped and our fellow townsman had peacefully passed over to the majority, the cause of his death being apoplexy.

Mr. Booth came to Canada in 1846, and in the course of a few years there after settled in Essa township and engaged in teaching, which profession he followed for a good many years, teaching also at Cookstown, Fisher's Corners and in this village.

For many years past he had taken a lively interest in the public affairs of the township of West Gwillimbury, in which for forty-five years he resided. He was for about 25 years clerk of that municipality, when on retiring from that position he was presented with a handsome gold watch for long and faithful services rendered. He was at one time Reeve of the township also, and enjoyed the confidence of a large number of the rate-payers. Since coming into the village, about six years ago, he has carried on the business of conveyancing, &c., and had succeeded in working up a good paying business. In politics he was considered a Liberal. For many years he was connected with the Methodist Church. He was a native of Ireland, was a man of very genial disposition and will be very much missed from our village. His death will be very much felt by Mrs. Booth whose health has been anything but good for some time past and to whom, with the family, we extend our sincere sympathy. The funeral will take place from the family residence, Hollandst., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Friday at 2 o'clock, p.m.