

## OBITUARY

### RICHARD HOLLAND CRAKE

With startling suddenness one of Bradford's oldest business men was removed by death on Sunday morning when Richard H. Crake passed away in Wellesley Hospital, Toronto. Although not enjoying good health for some months Mr. Crake had continued to attend business every day and it was not until Thursday night (Christmas Eve) that he was compelled to give up and go to bed. On Saturday afternoon he consented to go to the hospital and was taken by nephew, Allan Crake. He walked to the car on leaving his home here and from the car as he entered Wellesley Hospital about 5 p.m. The following morning when his nephew, Clifford Crake, called upon him he seemed bright and arrangements were made for an operation but he expired about 11.30 Sunday morning before an operation was performed.

Born on con. 3, Whitechurch township, near Whitrose, seventy-nine years ago, the sixth of a family of ten of the late Thos. and Jane Crake, the deceased spent his childhood and younger years in that community. Thirty-four years ago he purchased the farm west of Bradford, now owned by F. Smelser, and for eleven years farmed there. In 1913 he was attracted by the motor car business and became the first Chevrolet motor dealer in this locality. Since that date he has continuously successfully conducted the Chevrolet business here.

Of a retiring disposition, Mr. Crake's associations and friends were mostly in connection with his business, but of these he had many, as was evinced by the numbers who came to pay their last respects at his funeral. Mr. Crake never married, but, when his brother's family of small children was orphaned in 1906, he undertook the care of the two older boys, Clifford and Allan, and raised them as if they had been his own sons.

In religion the deceased was of the United Church and he was also a member of Simcoe Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C. In politics he was a very staunch Conservative.

Surviving are a brother and sister, Mr. Frank Crake and Miss Margaret Crake of Aurora, and three nephews, Clifford Crake of Toronto, Allan of Bradford, and Gordon of Belleville.

The funeral, under the auspices of Simcoe Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., left his late residence, Barrie St., Bradford, yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock for service in the United Church, conducted by Rev. H. W. Vaughan. Interment was made in Aurora Cemetery. The pallbearers were Masonic brethren: P. P. Stephenson, S. R. Lee, Seward Lee, E. J. Coombs, F. Smelser, O. Davey, J. E. Glover and W. Jelly.

Among the relatives and friends from out of town who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crake and Miss Margaret Crake of Aurora; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Crake of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crake, Belleville; Miss Annie Mayberry and Mr. John Mayberry, Owen Sound; Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Horner, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Horner, Zephyr; Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Thorston; Mr. Tom Blizzard, Newmarket; representatives from head office of General Motors; and Hon. Earl Rowe.