

# OBITUARY

## MRS. LEILA P. WATSON

Gifted organist and pianist, Leila Preston Watson, wife of Clarence Watson, died Monday at her home, 10 Vermont Ave., Toronto. She had served as organist of Bathurst St. United Church, Toronto, for the past seven years.

She was a brilliant accompanist. Only a few weeks ago she accompanied Jean McLeod, Toronto singer, when Miss McLeod sang in Times Hall, New York.

Born in Bath, England, Mrs. Watson came to Alliston, Ont., as a child. She received her A.T.C.M. from the Toronto Conservatory of Music and also studied at the Hambourg Conservatory of Music, where she was later a teacher. For a time she was organist at College Street United Church, Toronto. Following her marriage she moved to the Port Arthur district and frequently gave recitals in Fort William and Port Arthur. Subsequently she lived in Nipigon and at Albany River, where her husband was employed by the Ontario Hydro Commission. She returned to Toronto in 1943. She was a member of the Barnaby Nelson Music Club.

She leaves, besides her husband, a daughter, Margaret; a son, Richard; her sister, Mrs. Ronald Darling, and her aunt, Mrs. W. T. Reid. Burial will take place at Beeton.