

DEATH OF MR. GIBSON COOK.

Another old land mark in the person of Mr. Gibson Cook, of this village, at the age of 63 years and 6 months, is gone. The deceased gentleman had not been enjoying the best of health for some time past, but not until about a week and a half before his death, which occurred on Monday last, was he confined to his house. On Thursday last he was moving about in the early part of the day, but during the afternoon he received a stroke, supposed to be paralysis of the brain, shortly afterwards becoming insensible, and only once, and but for a minute, regaining consciousness. He apparently calmly slept away.

He was born near Hull, England, in the year 1827, and at a very early age (about 12) went out into the world to earn his own living. For several years he was employed by a large Dock Warehouse Co., and at the age of 18 was taken in as manager of the firm. He married and came to Canada in 1851, settling at Thornhill. Soon thereafter Mr. Brunskill engaged him to handle wheat at Bradford. At that time the Northern railroad had not crossed the Holland River, and in all probability the deceased was the oldest grain dealer in our village. In 1854 he moved west and settled near London, coming to Bradford for the grain season. In 1860 he moved his family to Bradford and continued in the employ of Mr. Brunskill till the death of that gentleman in 1867. About this time, disposing of his farm, the deceased commenced the grocery business, and has been actively engaged therein, in addition to the grain business, up to the time of his death.

Mr. Cook was well known in this neighborhood for his industry and integrity of purpose, and as a citizen was highly respected. He was a member of the Public School Board for the past twenty years, and was a Councillor of this municipality for several years. He was also a Mason in his day, and at the time of his death held a high and responsible office in the Orange Order of this district. In politics he was a Conservative of no uncertain kind. For a number of years he was identified with the Methodist Church, but was formerly a Primitive Methodist, of which church he was for many years a member. He leaves a widow and grown-up family of three sons and two daughters (all of whom were here for the funeral) to mourn his loss.

The funeral took place yesterday to Mt. Pleasant cemetery, and was attended by a large number of people, many conveyances following the remains to their last resting place. Rev. Mr. Matthews conducted the services. The Model School was closed, also all places of business, out of respect for the departed.