Death and Burial of Col. Tyrwhitt.

The Late Col. Tyrwhitt.

The late Member for South Simcoe greatly respected.

A MILITARY FUNERAL.

Lieut.-Col. Tyrwhitt, M.P., died at his family residence on Friday night at ten o'clock. Though it was regarded by many only a question of a little time, the news of his death was heard by his large circle of acquaintances with profound regret. The Col. had just returned from Ottawa and on reaching the depot here Friday night was completely exhausted. He was removed with much care to his beautiful farm home, but in a very few hours thereafter he breathed his last. On reaching the depot here the Colonel became unconscious and remained in that condition till his death. The journey had been too much for his fast-failing strength. He had been ill for some months. At the beginning of the session deceased was urged by his friends to take a long rest. He was not disposed to drop his Parliamentary duties and continued to remain at Ottawa. He gained strength for a time, but another attack of illness followed and he had to be removed to St. Luke's Hospital. Since his removal to the hospital Mrs. Tyrwhitt, Dr. Sproule and Mr. E. F. Clarke, M.P., have been in almost constant attendance.

Prior to leaving Ottawa Col. Tyrwhitt improved considerably and it was thought he could be removed home and he left the capital Thursday morning. The journey was too much for the sick man, and he died shortly after reaching his home from what is known as pernicious anaemia, resulting from an affection of the liver. It was a severe blow to members of his family who were buoyed up with the hope that their father was much better since he was able to return home.

Lieut.-Col. Richard Tyrwhitt was born in Simcoe county, Noyember 29, 1844. He was educated by private tuition and in France. He was a practical farmer, and a leading agriculturist in the province. He had represented South Simcoe in the Commons in the Conservative interest since February 16, 1882. For many years he was closely identified with the militia. He was on active service on the Niagara frontier as a lieutenant in 1866, and served throughout the Northwest campaign in 1885. He was appointed lieutenant-colonel commanding the 36th Peel Battalion, in February, 1886, and commanded the Canadian Wimbledon team in 1880. In 1896 he was elected vice-president of the Canadian Military Institute, and in 1897 he was present at the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in London on invitation of the military authorities. He was a member of the Church of England, and an Orangeman. He married, April, 1870, Emma, daughter of the late Ven. Archdeacon Whitaker, for many years provost of Trinity College, Toronto.

THE FUNERAL.

On Sabbath the announcement was made in the several churches that the funeral of Col. Tyrwhitt would leave his late residence for the place of interment, St. John's, Tecumseth, on Monday, at 11 a.m. For several hours previous to the time mentioned the various roads leading to the home of the deceased were lined with conveyances filled with occupants all desirous of paying their last tribute of respect to a dear friend. From all parts of Simcoe, especially from the South York, admirers of the late Colonel were present, among the number being: Hon. Wm. Mulock, Postmaster General; W. H. Bennett, M.P., East Simcoe; E. A. Little, M.L.A., for Cardwell; Jas. Duff, M.L.A., for South Simcoe; G. P. McKay, Toronto, ex-M.L.A., for Cardwell; J. A. Ferguson, Toronto; Dr. Morton, Barrie; T. H. Lennox, Aurora; Jno. Curry, Newmarket.

Hundreds viewed the remains of the deceased who was laid out in military attire in a fine casket which was completely covered with floral tributes of much beauty. They consisted of an Anchor from the Young Conservatives of Cookstown; Triangle from the Black Preceptory, Cookstown; Wreath from the Sons of England, Barrie; Wreath, R.P.B., No. 109; Union Jack, bearing the words, "In Loving Remembrance, Soldiers of the Queen," from J. A. Ferguson, Toronto; Pillow, from the officers of the 36th Battalion; Wreath from Mr. and Mrs. M. Scanlon, Toronto; Wreath, from Cypress Lodge L.O.L. No. 694, Bradford. A short service was held with the family prior to the funeral cortege leaving the house, which was conducted by the Rector of Trinity church, Rev. G. B. Morley. About 12 o'clock the following pall-bearers bore the casket from the house to the hearse in waiting: Col. Wayling, Sharon; Lt.-Col. Ward, Barrie; Major Duff, Toronto; Capt. Cook, Cookstown; Capt. Allan, Newmarket; Surgeon Major McCarthy, Barrie. The Colonel being buried with military honors, No. 5 Company, Bradford, 36th Regiment, and a number of representatives of Cookstown Co. headed the procession on foot for a short distance followed by a large number of Orangemen also on foot and in vehicles. The funeral cortege was about two miles in length, and it is supposed there were upwards of 350 conveyances in the procession. Hundreds of people were in waiting at the church and it is estimated that not less than fifteen hundred were present at the funeral. A short service was held at the church, after which the mortal remains of the much respected late Col. Tyrwhitt were consigned to the tomb to await the resurrection morn. After the burial service, conducted by Mr. Morley, the members of No. 5 Co. surrounded the grave and fired three salutes in token of respect for their departed brother.

The immediate friends of the late Colonel will cherish his memory with affection and respect, and the sorrowing wife and bereft children will have the deep heartfelt sympathy of all.

House of Commons Tribute.

Appropriate tributes to the memory of the late Col. Tyrwhitt were expressed in the House of Commons at Ottawa on Monday afternoon. The *Mail and Empire* says: "On the desk which the late member for South Simcoe had occupied during the present Parliament there rested a beautiful floral tribute from his fellow-members on the Conservative side.

Mr. Foster said:—Before we resume the business of the House I wish to refer to the common affliction which we are called upon to endure, not unfortunately, for the first time during this Parliament. I refer to the death of another of our

district of South Simcoe. Col. Tyrwhitt was well known to members on both sides of this House, and no words of mine are needed to voice the sorrow we feel, and the loss we have to acknowledge, at his last sudden departure from among us. Col. Tyrwhitt came into this House in 1882, and he was a consistent and most honourable member from that date up to his death. He was not a man who forced himself to the front in discussion in this Parliament, but he was a man whose sterling common-sense made itself felt, both in this House and in the country. He was not what you might call a noisy partisan in any sense of the word, but he was a good, consistent party man, feeling that he could be so consistently with his best duty to his country and to the body politic. Col. Tyrwhitt was a friend who was staunch and honourable in every respect. He was a liberal-minded man and patriotic. He was a gallant soldier as well, and served his country with honour in 1866 and in the trouble of 1885. We on this side of the House who were associated with him as political and party colleagues will, of course, feel his loss more deeply than other members of the House, but I am sure that all of us will realize that a thorough man and a gentleman has been called from our midst. I do not need to say more, except to voice my own feeling of every member of this Houss in the heartfelt sympathies which we tender to the family and friends of the deceased.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—I can certainly re-echo everything which has been said by my hon. friend from York (Mr. Foster) in reference to our departed colleague. Col. Tyrwhitt was for 18 years a member of this House. He also associated himself with the Conservative party, and he gave it a most honourable support—a support which his political opponents could find no fault with. He had no enemies in this House, he had none but friends, and every one, political friends as political opponents, appreciated his gentle humour, his genial nature, and his sound sense whenever he chose to give us his views upon any question before the House. Col. Tyrwhitt was a type of man which is to be admired in this country. He held strong views, very strong views, undoubtedly, but he always placed them before the House in a manner not to offend anyone, but, on the contrary, in a manner which secured the respect of all who listened to him. We who were his political opponents mourn his loss. It is quite natural that we should not have the same degree of feeling which must be experienced by those who were more closely associated with him, but I may freely say, speaking for my friends about me on this side of the House, that we shall miss from the benches of the Opposition his honest, manly countenance.

DR. SPROULE

Dr. Sproule (East Grey)—An intimate acquaintance with Col. Tyrwhitt, extending over a period of 30 years, justifies me in saying that by his early death this Parliament has not only lost one of its most honoured and useful members, but that the country and the Empire has lost one of its best and truest citizens. I but feebly express the gratitude of his relatives and constituents when I express their thanks for the kindly words which have been spoken of the deceased by the acting leader of the Opposition (Mr. Foster) and by the leader of the Government. Col. Tyrwhitt was a man who was ever regarded, not only as a useful member of the party to which he belonged, but as a staunch and consistent and industrious representative of his constituency. Wherever his name was known it was a synonym for honour and integrity and uprightness and manhood. An ardent enthusiast in military life, he gave liberally of his time and of his means towards the promotion of the best interests of the militia of Canada. Whenever duty called he was always to be found unflinchingly to the fore to discharge that duty to the best of his ability.

Tributes of the Press.

The Toronto *Globe* in referring editorially to the death of Col. Tyrwhitt says: "Lieut.-Col. Tyrwhitt, who died at his home in Bradford on Friday evening, was not one of those members of Parliament who take up the time of the House and load the pages of Hansard with words. He was a man of quiet but genial disposition, who enjoyed the friendship as well as the respect of his fellow-members. One of the strongest interests of his life was in the militia, and he saw service both in the Fenian Raid in 1866 and in the rebellion in the Northwest in 1885. His convictions on public matters were probably strong, although he wasted few words in expressing them, and he was one of the well-known thirteen who voted for the disallowance of the Jesuit Estates Act in 1889."

The *Mail and Empire* also editorially remarks: "A large circle of friends will mourn the death of Lieut.-Col. Tyrwhitt, M.P. That gentleman was a splendid sample of the manly Canadian. Stalwart, strong, courageous, frank and honorable, a thorough Britisher and a fine soldier, he certainly was universally respected. He [illegible] his constituency in Parliament [illegible] ably and well, he served his country in the battlefield with equal credit. It is much to be deplored that [illegible]