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Death Summons Mr. Cecil B. Smith

TORONTO, Monday July 1st 1912—Mr. Cecil B. Smith, one of the most prominent of Canadian engineers, formerly chairman of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission, and later a member of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, died at his home, 51 Spencer Avenue, on Saturday evening. About three weeks ago, when on a professional tour in the Western United States, he was taken ill at Los Angeles, California. His malady was pronounced to be cancer. He returned home, but his physicians could do nothing to save his life, the cancer which had attacked his stomach and liver was in an advanced stage, and an operation would have caused instant death.

Mr. Smith had a brilliant career as a civil engineer. Born at Winona, Ont., in 1865, he received his first education in the Collegiate Institute Hamilton, whence he went to McGill University, in Montreal. He graduated from there as a master of engineering, winning in his final year the Governor-General's medal. He commenced his professional career as resident engineer of the old Northern and Pacific Junction Railway, afterwards absorbed by the C. P. R. On the completion of this line he became engineer of the St. Catherines and Niagara Railway, and in 1887 he joined the staff of the Canadian Pacific Railway in work at London, Ont.

He was appointed locating engineer of the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway in 1888-9, and subsequently he entered a wider sphere in the United States, where he became connected with various roads between 1889 and 1893. In the latter year he returned to Canada and was appointed Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at McGill University. During this time he prepared a work on railway engineering, which immediately

became a text-book in universities in Canada and the United States.

In 1899 Mr. Smith was appointed Assistant City Engineer of Toronto and occupied the position for two years. He then left Toronto to become construction engineer of the Canadian Niagara Power Company, at that time probably the greatest engineering undertaking of the time on the continent. Upon the completion of his task at Niagara Falls Mr. Smith was appointed consulting engineer of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, with which he remained from 1905 to 1911. Such was his grasp of the problems of railway operations as well as railway construction that Sir James Whitney appointed him chairman of the commission in charge of the Ontario Government road.

In the meantime the agitation in favor of developing the great water power at Niagara Falls for the benefit of the people of Ontario had commenced, and Mr. Smith's experience and study of the subject led to his appointment first as chief engineer of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, which investigated the possibilities of Niagara Falls and other water powers of the province on behalf of the Government. Later he was with Hon. Adam Beck and Colonel Hon. J. S. F. Edrie a member of the Hydro-Electric Commission, named in 1906 "to provide for the transmission of electrical power to municipalities." He resigned from this body in 1907 and was succeeded by Mr. W. K. McNaught, M. P.

Subsequently Mr. Smith was the designer and contractor of such great power plants as those of the City of Winnipeg, the Nipissing Power Company, the Calgary Power Company, the Mount Hood Railway and Power Company at Portland, Ore., and the Crane Falls Power and Irrigation Company, which is bringing about the reclamation of vast stretches of formerly arid land. At the same time he was carrying out many other smaller enterprises undertaken by the engineering firm which he had organized under the name of Smith, Kerry and Chace, of Toronto.

Mr. Smith was managing director of the Calgary Power Company, president of the Nipissing Power Company, president of the Crane Falls Power and Irrigation Company, general manager and vice-president of the Mount Hood Railway and Power

Company, and a director of other companies. He was a member of the council of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, and contributed to the proceedings of that institution some of its most valuable papers, among which may be mentioned a description of the Canadian Niagara Power Company's plant, which won the much-coveted Gzowski medal presented by the society.

In 1887 Mr. Smith married Miss Mary Dempsey, of Hamilton, granddaughter of Hon. John Dempsey, whose father was one of the first settlers of Milton. He is survived by his widow and two sons. His only brother is Mr. E. D. Smith, formerly M. P. for South West worth, who has attained a prominence in the fruit-growing industry throughout the Dominion comparably to that of the deceased in the engineering field. The surviving sisters are:—Mrs. Shortt, wife of Dr. Adam Shortt, of Ottawa, chairman of the Civil Service Commission; Mrs. H. Coon, of Weston and Misses Gertrude and Violet Smith, of Hamilton.

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ANDOVER.

Miss May Black, of Boston, is the guest of Miss Pearl Waite.

Mr. Horace Van Wart is the guest of Mrs. G. T. Baird.

Archie Dixon, of St. John, is visiting friends in Andover.

Dr. Green and wife and daughter Helen, of Fredericton, were visiting Mrs. Sutton, last week.

Miss Gertrude Kilburn, of Kilburn, spent last week with Kathleen Beveridge.

Miss Helen Caldwell, of the Western Union, has been transferred, to Wolfville. Her place, here, is filled, by Miss Lena Buck.

Miss Gertrude Sisson, who has been visiting friends in Cornation returned home, on Tuesday.

Mrs. William Miles, of Centerville, is visiting her son, J. W. Miles.

Miss Loverica Jamer, of Boston, is visiting her brother, W. J. Jamer.

Miss Marion Lawson, of Caribou, is the guest of Millicent Carter.

Mrs. Watson is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Jas. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Porter went to Caribou on Saturday, by auto.

Mr. Benj. Beveridge and daughter went to Fort Fairfield, on Sunday, to visit Mr. Beveridge's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kenney, of Fort Fairfield were visiting, in Andover last week. Mr. and Mrs. Kenney and family expect to leave the last of the month for Everett, Wash, where they will in future reside.

R. W. Demmings, of Vancouver, preached in the U. B. Church, Andover, on Sunday morning.

Mr. Grant Hunt, of Fort. Fairfield, was visiting in Andover, Sunday.

Mrs. B. W. Moore entertained at the tea hour, on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Wooten spent last week in Halifax, with Mrs. Wooten's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Spike left on Thursday for a two month's visit with friends in Gloucester, Mass. Miss Bertha Spike will visit friends in St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Medley Miller, of Riverview de Chute were guests of Miss Mabel Peat, Sunday.

Mrs. M. S. Sutton and Mrs. J. W. Miles were guests of Mrs. Benj. Kilburn on Thursday.

Mr. H. H. Tibbits spent part of last week with her brother, in Four Falls.

Miss Lena Sisson, of the Telephone Staff, Presque Isle, arrived in Andover on Saturday, for a two weeks visit.

W. H. Banks, of St. John, was in town last week.

The N. B. Telephone Co. are moving into their new office.

Miss Della, of Plaster Rock, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Wellington Sisson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry DeForest, of St. John, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis, over Sunday.

FLORENCEVILLE

Miss Hazel McCain will have charge of the Greenfield School this coming term.

Mr. Kenneth M. Fiske B. S. A. left for Cookshire, P. Q., on Friday, where he will be in the employ, of the Conservation Committee.

A. D. McCain is on a trip to Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Estey have returned home to Brooklyn, N. Y.

W. A. Taylor intends leaving for a trip West on Wednesday.

Miss Jennie Love, Glasseville, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Wm. Hagerman.

Mrs. James Peters spent the week end with her parents in Bath.

KILBURN

Rev. A. C. Bell is to preach in the Methodist Church, next Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. McLellan preached in the United Baptist Church, on Sunday morning.

The monthly meeting of the W. M. S. is to be held at the home of Mrs. B. T. Guskin on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. John McLaughlin and daughter Marguerite, both of Woodstock, who have been spending some weeks here, returned home on Saturday.

Miss Bessie Kilburn left here, on Saturday for an extended trip. She will visit in Fredericton, Charlottetown and other Maritime points.

The recent heavy rains have raised the water in the river as well as having retarded haying operations.

The little busy bee, which improves each shining hour is not in it with the potato bug, which works wet or dry. All of the crops promise well.

Miss E. M. Pickett, who has been on a trip, as far west as Saskatoon, has returned home.

Mr. W. B. Nicholson, Dominion Trade Commissioner, Newfoundland, is spending his vacation with his family here.

Rev. R. W. Weddall and family which have been spending a month at "The Ledge," Charlotte Co., returned home on Thursday.

Mrs. Munro, of Boston, is visiting, Mrs. Shea, Grafton.

Mrs. Dr. Darry, of New Britain, C. is visiting her mother, Mrs. John Ann Graham.

Mrs. John Shea, Grafton, returned from Petitcodiac, where she visited Dr. and Mrs. N. Ayer. She also visited friends in St. John and spent a few days at Beaulah.