

PIONEER AT REST

As the sun sank behind the western prairie Friday evening a deeper gloom settled on the people of this community when it became known that Donald Prosser McTavish had ceased to breathe. Since the accident he met with the previous week as reported last issue the attending physicians held out little hope for his recovery. Being afflicted with diabetes the shock so intensified the disease that the constitution was rapidly undermined.

Deceased was born at Paisley, Ontario Feb. 2nd 1874. His parents left for the west when he was a little lad. The family lived near Walhalla for some years. In 1894 he was married to Miss A. E. Maloney who survives him. In addition to his widow and three children he leaves behind a mother, three sisters and two brothers. The sisters are Mrs. Geo. Nesbitt of B. C., Mrs. John Moffatt of Pilot Mound and Mrs. John Stait of Hannah and Hugh of Inkster and John of Hanley Sask., are brothers.

Few men were better known or more highly esteemed than deceased. A thorough horseman, he was at home in the saddle. On one occasion he rode over the mountains of Idaho and Montana for several hundreds of miles absolutely alone. Noted for square dealing he had the confidence of all who knew him. His warm sympathetic nature made one glad to know him and count him a friend. During his last hours he asked for his brother Hugh, who by an unfortunate chain of circumstances was acting jurymen on a case at Grand Forks and could not be liberated until after his brother had died. Many of the relatives of the sorrowing widow were at the bedside when the end came.

A large concourse of people attended the funeral which took place on Sunday afternoon. Rev. F. G. Forster preached the sermon in the Presbyterian church. Masonic brethren of Ionic Lodge No. 64 had charge of the ceremonies. I. O. O. F. brethren led the procession. Loving hands lowered the remains into the tomb and decked the newly made grave with wreaths furnished by Odd Fellows and Masonic brethren and also by Eastern Star and Ladies' Aid society both of which the bereaved widow is an honored member.

The community extends its heartfelt sympathy to the stricken family and relatives.—The Hannah Moon.

The deceased is a brother-in-law of J. Maloney of this city.