

OBITUARY.

Died, at the St. John's hospital in Fargo, Sunday morning April 9th, 1911, at 1:25 o'clock, Walter F. Wells aged 33 years.

Seldom has it been our duty to record so sad a death as that of Walter F. Wells. A dark gloom spread over the whole community when it was announced from one to another that Mr. Wells had passed away early Sunday morning.

On Wednesday, March 29th, Mr. Wells was taken suddenly ill with an acute attack of appendicitis, and was immediately removed to Fargo where an operation was performed. He showed every sign of rapid improvement and it was thought that the operation was most successful and that he would be able to be out in a very short time. Even Friday last he had felt so well that he managed to write his family and several friends that he was doing nicely and hoped to be out of the hospital and return shortly. However, on Saturday he experienced a setback from which he did not rally. Mrs. Wells, who was then at the farm home north of McVillè, was sent for by wire stating the condition of her husband. Several friends and relatives in general were also advised and they hastened to the bedside, the most of them arrived too late. Mrs. Wells, however, did not get the message in time to catch an early train so had to drive several miles to Lakota in order to get the night train which brought her to Fargo only a few minutes before her husband died and too late for him to realize her presence. F. W. McDougall, of this place, was one who attended Mr. Wells during the last hours of his ebbing life, and managed to pacify the patient. Mrs. Wells and the immediate family accompanied Mr. Wells on his trip to the hospital, and they too believing that Mr. Wells was progressing nicely returned to their respective homes, only to be finally disappointed by the deepest degree of sadness.

The loss of such a man from this community has cast a gloom over his many friends, for he was a man of excellent habits, fine moral character, active in his accustomed pursuits, and a person well liked among those who knew him. He was invariably a good neighbor, and there was na happier family circle in this land than his. His best monument will be the good report that has been left behind him in the community in which he has resided these number of years.

Mr. Wells was born in King City, Ont. Can., on May 15th, 1878, being about 33 years of age. On Feb. 18th, 1900, he was married to Miss Ada Blough, of King City, Ont., and the following spring came to North Dakota, assuming the management and rental of a large farm 7 miles sw of Aneta, owned by Iver Udgaard, of Cooperstown. He was most successful. To Mr. and Mrs. Wells was born a daughter, Dahlja, who is now about 7 years old. Besides Mrs. Wells and little daughter, who are now left to mourn the sad loss of a loving husband and father, there remains Albert Wells, a brother, who resides southeast of Aneta, David Wells, father of the deceased and four married sisters, two in Ontario and two in Saskatchewan, Canada.

The remains were shipped to King City, Ont., Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Wells and little daughter, David Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wells.

We join with the many friends and neighbors in extending our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Wells and relatives in this sad and great bereavement.

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