

Thomas Hazle McCubbin

1884 - 1926

The Skeena Valley lost one of its best known citizens last Wednesday evening when Thomas Hazle McCubbin of Pacific, passed away at the Prince Rupert general hospital. His death followed an operation performed the Saturday previous, and from which Mr. McCubbin did not rally.

The deceased was born at Ayr, Scotland on Nov. 14, 1877, and in 1910 he came to Canada and straight through to Prince Rupert. Very shortly after his arrival he moved up to Kitselas where he was in the employ of the Patterson store. After a year at the foot of the canyon he moved to Pacific (Nicholl was the name then) and took charge of the Patterson store at that point. He continued as manager of the store for two years and then he bought it out and operated it ever since.

In addition to his store business he was postmaster, mining recorder and notary public, and the general advisor and helper of the whole community. Tom McCubbin got a lot of pleasure out of life in assisting others to solve their problems. He never gave an unconsidered opinion, and a lot of his time was spent studying the problems others brought to him, and in this way he did a great work, a far greater work than many more privileged in the larger centres. He was a man of honor and of truth, and everyone was well aware of where he stood on all matters. In fact he was a real citizen and a man regarded with far more than respect by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

In 1912 he married Miss Elizabeth Shirra Dougall who came to Canada from Kippen, Stirlingshire, Scotland, and during the following years, three children were born to them. Jack who will now continue in his father's business, Norma, who is a teacher in Doreen and Elizabeth, who is a registered nurse on the staff of the Prince Rupert general hospital.

Before leaving Scotland the late Mr. McCubbin joined St. Johns Lodge, A. F. A. M. at Rothsay. When Kitselas Lodge was formed at Terrace, he became one of the first members. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and since union has been connected with the United Church.

Following the death a service was held at the B. C. Undertaking Parlors in Prince Rupert, conducted by Rev. Mr. Funston.

The body was brought to Terrace on Friday night and a funeral service was conducted in Knox United Church on Saturday afternoon. Rev. Adam Crisp conducted this service, and at the graveside. Following each service the Masonic services were held under the auspices of Lakelse Lodge.

During the church service favorite hymns of Mr. McCubbin were sung, being "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrows", "Abide With Me" and "Onto the Hills Around".

About twenty years ago Mr. McCubbin's mother came to live with the family at Pacific, and when she died three and a half years ago she was given a resting place in the Terrace cemetery. Her son, on Saturday, was laid by her side.

Thomas McCubbin will be missed by many who live in the Skeena Valley. Quiet, unostentatious, he was a source of inspiration to many who sought to develop the resources of the land. Many are the prospectors he has helped and grubstaked as they have worked to open up the mineral wealth. His kindness was wide flung and will be greatly missed throughout his wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

The pall bearers were E. T. Kenney, M.L.A., H. L. McKenney, A. Attree, G. Dover, W. Donald and G. Sessions.

Funeral arrangements were in the hands of Frank Morris of Prince Rupert.