

PONTIAC BILL POSTER

The funeral of Mr. Abel Smitherman who died at the home of his son-in-law, George Malcolm, in Pontiac, on Wednesday last, took place in this village on Friday, Nov. 25th, and was very largely attended by the relatives and sorrowing friends. The deceased was born in England sixty-four years ago, came to this country when but twenty-two years of age, and has resided in this vicinity twenty years, during which time he has built for himself and family a suitable competency. As a kind and indulgent husband, father and friend his life was most commendable. Being a man of enormous stature, and possessing an unusually cheerful disposition, he was distinctively popular with all classes; as a kind-hearted, public spirited citizen, his death leaves a void that cannot easily be filled. Though while in life he may oftentimes erred, spiritually, to the possible discomfiture of those surrounding him, the circumstances attending his sudden death made the occasion a sad one, and the blow is very keenly felt by his bereaved widow, who, with family and friends and a large concourse of people followed the remains to their last resting place in the village cemetery. Previous to the interment, services were held in the U. P. church, and the words spoken there by the officiating clergyman may well be heeded by all men.