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# Ex-Port Credit Reeve "Bob" Parkinson Dies

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A former warden of Peel County, twice reeve of Port Credit and superintendent of the Toronto Township Hydro until his retirement, Bisdon (Robert) Morville Parkinson died on Monday, October 15 at the South Peel Hospital.

Funeral services will be held for him this afternoon in Skinner and Middlebrook Chapel, Port Credit.

Affectionately known throughout the county simply as "Bob Parkinson," his passing, in his 89th year, marks the closing of an era insofar as Port Credit is concerned. He was the last surviving member of the Board of Trustees of the Police Village of Port Credit, serving as one of its members from 1909 to 1912, as its chairman from 1910.

In 1914 the Village of Port Credit was incorporated and he took a brief rest from municipal politics. However, in 1917 he ran for the office of reeve and was elected, continuing then to hold the reeveship until 1923. It was during the year 1921 that he served as warden of Peel County.

In 1932 Mr. Parkinson re-entered the Village's political arena when he ran for the deputy-reeveship and was elected. The next year he was again elected to the reeveship and served the 1933 and 1934 terms.

#### Best in Hydro

Renowned as "one of the best in Ontario where hydro was concerned" Mr. Parkinson had a long career in this field and local hydro was fortunate in that it had the opportunity to benefit from his knowledge. In 1913 he became the first employee of the Hydro Committee of the Township of Toronto, and in 1918, the year after the Toronto Township Hydro Commission was formed, he was appointed Township Hydro Superintendent, a post he maintained until his retirement in 1948.

While he was superintendent of the Township Hydro, he also served as chairman of the Port Credit Hydro Committee in 1931, and much credit is accorded him for the efficiency of the Town's hydro plant.

#### Born in England

Last of a family of six, Mr. Parkinson was born in Skipton, England, and came to Canada on his own when he was a youth of about 17 years. His brother Steve, who resided in Port Credit until his death about eight years ago, followed him here shortly after

his arrival, and a third brother Tom also came out for a short time, returning later to England. After the death of his father, his mother also came to Canada to reside with her son for some time, but she, too, returned to England in due course.

Late of 37 Mississauga Road South, Port Credit, he was predeceased by his wife, the former Lyle Peer, some years ago. His sole immediate survivor is his son Morville, also of Port Credit.

Mr. Parkinson was a member of River Park Masonic Lodge, Streetsville. He was also, prior to his connection with the Port Credit and Township hydros, an employee of the now-long-gone Port Credit Brick Company.

Mr. Parkinson is resting at the Skinner and Middlebrook Funeral Home, Ann Street, Port Credit, and services will be held in the chapel there today (Thursday) at 1.30 p.m. with interment following in Springcreek Cemetery, Clarkson. Rev. George Speers is to officiate.

Pallbearers will include his nephews Joe, William and Eugene Parkinson, plus James and Bert Peer and Joe Chandler.