

Obituary of CB Smith

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Rev. Campbell-Bannerman Smith Was Eganville Native

In the death of Eganville born Rev. Campbell-Bannerman Smith, 61, in a three-car collision on Highway 2 between Kinston and Napanee recently, some highly interesting family history may be recalled by the older Eganville readers of the Leader. Over in England-Scotland the original name, of what was to become an illustrious family, was plain Campbell, but in 1862, according to the provision of a will, the name Bannerman was added thus the family name thereafter became "Campbell-Bannerman", and the most illustrious bearer of that name was Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman (1836-1908) who was the British prime minister.

Older residents will recall the highly educated plain "Mr. Bannerman" close relative of the British prime minister who was associated with the late John D. McCrae in his various business enterprises in Eganville and district those many long years ago. Of that family the only name this writer can recall was that of a son name Clayton, but of course in all probability there were others.

In any event Rev. Campbell-Bannerman Smith recently deceased, was a native of Eganville, brilliant in school, and at an early age entered the banking business, possibly in this village. As was expected by those who knew him, his amazing rise in his chosen profession was only to be expected. AT the early age of 23, he was a branch manager in Winnipeg, and it was there he entered the Pentecostal Bible College, graduated in 1928 and served in Ontario and Quebec. From 1944-1952 he was general superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, the highest position in the gift of the church. At the time of his death he was riding with his two sons to Dorval, Quebec, to conduct Sunday services. He is survived by his widow, three sons and one daughter, all living in Peterborough.