**OBITUARY**

**JOHN LAIRD 1885-1950**

Residents of both Marmora and Deloro were shocked by the tragic death of John Laird at the plant of Deloro Smelting & Refining Co., Limited on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Sid. Sandham had assisted the deceased to cut a piece of steel a few minutes previous to the time he was discovered by Mr. Jas. Rice with his arm caught in a machine used for rolling steel, the arm having gone in

to the machine up to the shoulder. He was alone at the time so that it is not known how the accident occurred. The report of the Post Mortem examination which will be given at the adjourned inquest next Monday afternoon, may throw some light on the affair.

The late John James Laird was born in the County of Fermanagh, Ireland, on August 25th, 1885. When a young boy he came to Canada with his parents, the family settling at Campbellford, Ont. About forty years ago he came to Marmora and for a total of over thirty years he had been an employee of Deloro Smelting & Refining Co., Limited.

After the start of the first World War he enlisted in the 155th Battalion and went overseas. He saw service for a considerable period in France with the 21st Batt., the same one as Major Percy Gray and several other Marmora men served with.

The deceased was a plumber and tinsmith by trade and for years, while on shift work at Deloro, he did a lot of work for residents of Marmora in his off time. He was a skilled work man.

He was a member of Ottawa Court No. 41 I.O.O.F. for thirty-three years.

He is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Pauline Marion Grimshaw, and one daughter (Grace) Mrs. Gordon C .Thomas, of Peterborough. He is also survived by four sisters, Mrs. G. Frederick and Mrs. Manley Blake, of Campbellford; Mrs. George Bonter, of Toronto, and Reta, of Detroit, Mich.

The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon under the auspices of Marmora Branch No. 237, Canadian Legion. The funeral will leave his late residence at 1.30 P.M. and proceed to St. Paul's Church for service at 1.45 pm**.** Interment in Little Lake Cemetery, Peterborough.

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