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DUNCAN M. ROBERTSON

Canton, Dec. 8.—Duncan M. Robertson, one of the Nestors of the Bar of St. Lawrence county, died suddenly at his residence on Park street about 4 o'clock this afternoon. Up to two or three weeks ago Mr. Robertson was in his office constantly, and he has been on the street until the past few days. It has been only for a day or two that his condition has been considered critical. Mr. Robertson served with credit throughout the Civil war, and attained the rank of Major. He has been prominent in Grand Army circles, has taken an active interest in local matters, and was president of the Canton Savings and Loan Association at the time of his death. For many years he has had a large law practice, particularly in Surrogate's Court. Mr. Robertson was about 73 years of age, and leaves a wife and one daughter, neither of whom was with him at the time of his death, his wife being in California for her health, and his daughter in the State of Washington teaching. Mr. Robertson was a man of strong convictions, unutterably hostile to whatever he believed to be wrong, and a man who enjoyed to the fullest extent the respect and confidence of the community. He has left a vacancy in Canton which it will be hard to fill. It was discovered shortly before his death that he was suffering from diabetes, but the cause of death is not known.

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FUNERAL OF D. M. ROBERTSON  
**Martyn G.A.R. Post Attend—Resolutions by the Canton Bar**

Canton, Dec. 16.—The funeral of the late Duncan M. Robertson was held at the Universalist church Monday afternoon. The hour was set at 2 o'clock but at that time his daughter, Miss Jessie, who has traversed the continent to attend her father's funeral, had not arrived, the 11 o'clock train being very late, and the services were delayed two hours until its arrival. It is more than likely that the irregular train service today prevented many members of the Bar from other towns from attending. The H. T. Martyn Post G. A. R. was out in a body, and the church was almost filled with those anxious to show their respect for the deceased. The funeral services were brief, and were conducted by Rev. J. M. Payson and Rev. Orello Cone, both warm, personal friends of the deceased. Interment was in Fairview cemetery. Major Robertson has left a place in the life of Canton, which it will be hard to fill. The Canton Bar has adopted the following resolutions upon his death:

The sudden removal by the hand of death of Duncan M. Robertson, the Nestor of the Canton Bar, has made it our sad privilege to lay upon his bier our tribute to his memory. In time of war he was a brave soldier; in time of peace a trusted counsellor; at all times and places an honest man, of strong convictions, which he never lacked the courage to express; a hater of shams, a man who shirked no duty because it was unpleasant, who never feared to stand with a minority when he believed he stood for the right.

Resolved, That in the life of Duncan M. Robertson we see embodied those qualities which embodied in our national life have made American manhood the standard for the world.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent his bereaved family and published in the local papers.

LEDYARD P. HALE,  
JOSEPH P. BROWN,  
GEORGE H. BOWERS,  
Committee of Canton Bar

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