

# DR. JOSEPH BASCOM DIES IN 92ND YEAR

First Life Fellow of Academy  
of Medicine Passes at  
Markdale

## PRACTICED IN PARKDALE

In the death of Dr. Joseph Bascom in his ninety-second year yesterday at the home of his niece, Mrs. A. N. St. John, Markdale, following a brief illness, there passed one who was well known in Toronto medical circles. Dr. Bascom, who graduated from the University of Toronto in 1860, practiced for 25 years in Parkdale. Born near Uxbridge, he began medical practice in that town. He was a Charter Fellow of the Academy of Medicine and had the distinction of having been made the first Life Fellow of the Academy of Medicine. He was a member of the United Church. For the past two years he had resided in Markdale. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Mary Williams, of Ottawa, and Mrs. G. Gilpin, of Midland.

## Man Pleads Poverty When Charged With Theft

Arrested yesterday afternoon in a department store by Detectives Levitt and Seaton on a charge of stealing a lady's dress and other goods to the value of \$24, George Woods of London, Ont., insisted to police that he had stolen in order to live.

Woods lost his right hand in an accident. He said he had a wife and eight children in London, all dependent on him. For a month he had been in this city. Unable to get work, his story went on, he said he stole with the intention of selling the stuff to buy food with.

## RECKLESS DRIVING CHARGED.

Joseph Adams of Picton was arrested last night at Dundas and Yonge Streets, on a charge of reckless driving.

## \$68,000 Increases

Members of the civic services will this year receive increases totaling \$68,000.

This information was given to Works Commissioner R. C. Harris, Chairman of the Heads of Departments' Committee, under the terms of the civic survey report, by the Board of Control last evening. This amount has not been allocated by the Heads of Departments Committee, but it is understood they have pretty well settled on the employees who will receive recognition this year, as the committee has been meeting on a number of occasions, including a session that lasted most of yesterday morning.

Under the terms of the civic survey report salary increases are given by this committee within the limits of the grades in which all the civic servants have been placed.