

James Patrick O'CONNELL, 25/1099 (18..-1918)

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ROLL OF HONOUR

JAMES P. O'CONNELL.

On Thursday one of the patients at the Presbyterian S.S. Pneumonia Hospital, James Patrick O'Connell, an ex-soldier, succumbed, to the disease. He was very ill when he entered the hospital, and all that medical skill and careful nursing could accomplish was done for him, but without avail. He was a splendid patient, and endeared himself to all in the hospital. The late Mr O'Connell was the second son of Mr and, Mrs Dennis O'Connell, of Levels Plain, and was born at Kerrytown. He was educated in the Kcrrytown and Seadown Schools, and was brought up to farming pursuits. When 21 years of age he joined the police force, and remained in the service for four years. He then again went to work on the land, and when the war broke out enlisted and went away with the 3rd Battalion of the Rifle Brigade. Being badly gassed, and suffering from shell-shock, he was invalided home, and when stricken with influenza, was not strong enough to successfully fight against this fell [sic] disease, although he made a brave attempt. The funeral took place yesterday morning, the service being conducted by the Rev. Father O'Sullivan. The Patriotic Association was represented by the Rev. A. H. Norris, and several flags were flown at half -mast as a mark of respect for the deceased soldier.