Thomas E. Dwyer Passes Away



Thomas E. Dwyer, president and general manager of the Lead Lined Iron Pipe Company, Wakefield, Mass., passed away on Monday, December 26, 1921, after an illness from pneumonia. While riding in his automobile with State Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts, a close personal friend, Mr. Dwyer was stricken with pneumonia on September 24 near Lowell. He was rushed to the St.. John's Hospital, Lowell, and while he recovered from the disease, it left his lungs and heart in weakened condition. It was only a few days before his death that the critical nature of his illness became evident.

Mr. Dwyer was born in Medford, MA in 1866, [the son of Richard Dwyer, an Irish immigrant]. As a young man he removed to Wakefield and started in the plumbing business. Shortly afterward he became interested in the Lead Lined Iron Pipe Company and

in a few years became general manager and treasurer of the company. The success of the business was very largely due to Mr. Dwyer's energy and personality. He constantly kept the Lead Lined Iron Pipe products before engineers, water works men, mine owners and all other lines in which it could be used, through advertising in the trade journals and a general way. Mr. Dwyer was interested in a number of business enterprises, but the Lead Lined Iron Pipe Company was his most successful venture.

Mr. Dwyer was keenly interested in politics since early manhood. He was largely responsible for the election of David I. Walsh as governor. Mr. Dwyer was treasurer of the Democratic state committee at the time. In January, 1914, Mr. Walsh appointed Mr. Dwyer a member of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board to succeed Henry H. Sprague, resigned. As a testimony of approval and appreciation a number of Mr. Dwyer's Bunds presented him with a loving cup at a non-partisan gathering. He was reappointed by Governor Walsh for a three-year term on the board. His knowledge of trade conditions was of great value and saved it many thousands of dollars during the world's war. Mr. Dwyer was a member of the American Water Works Association, New England Water Works Association, several technical societies, the Wakefield chamber of commerce and other organizations. He served as a member of the water committee having in charge the purchase of the Wakefield Water Company's plant, and served on many other public committees. The funeral took place from Mr. Dwyer's late home on Thursday, December 29, at nine o'clock and from St. Joseph's R. C. Church at ten o'clock. The burial was in the family lot at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.