

Distinguished Citizen

Dies in Dublin.

Sir Thomas Myles Passes Away

Worn by years and honours—he had reached his 80th year—Sir Thomas Myles, M.D., the famous surgeon and citizen of Limerick, passed away where he had for so many years laboured, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin on Thursday.

A scion of an old established Limerick family, the late Sir Thomas was a son of John Myles, his mother being a daughter of Wm Branshaw of Kylebeg, Co. Tipperary. In 1888 he married Francis Elizabeth, daughter of Rev George Ayres, Canon of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

Sir Thomas, who graduated at Trinity College, Dublin, was appointed Secretary to the Dublin Hospitals Commission in 1888. Four years later he was appointed Professor of Pathology in the Royal College of Surgeons, of which he became the President from 1900 to 1902. He was knighted in the latter year. For a number of years he was Examiner to the Conjoint Board of Royal Colleges, and he held the position of Hon. Surgeon to the King in Ireland.

On the outbreak of the Great War he was appointed consulting surgeon to the British Forces, with the temporary rank of Lieut-Colonel in the Royal Army Medical Corps, and he was promoted to Colonel in 1917.

Whilst house surgeon at Steeven's Hospital, Sir Thomas attended Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr Burke, Chief Secretary and Under Secretary for Ireland, after their assassination in the Phoenix Park in 1882. He was also on the scene when Constable James O'Brien was shot in the yard of Dublin Castle on Easter Monday, 1916, and attended O'Brien, who was also a Limerickman.

He was a keen yachtsman, and boating and yachting were his favourite recreations. On one occasion Sir Thomas and Lady Myles had had to escape in a dinghy when they were "shipwrecked" in their 63-ton motor yacht, which ran aground on submerged rocks near Castleown, Isle of Man.

A fine amateur boxer in his younger days, Sir Thomas was known to have stood up for three rounds before the great world champion pugilist, John L. Sullivan, and the latter stated after the bout that young Myles "had a greater punch and much more science than many alleged pugilists."

According to the expressed wish of Sir Thomas the funeral was private.