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SAGE OF EKFRID DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Peter McArthur Won
Fame as Poet, Author
and Journalist.

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Returned to Farm After
Brilliant Career in New
York and London.

Word received yesterday in Toronto told of the death in Victoria Hospital, London, Ontario, of Peter McArthur, widely known as a Canadian poet, author and journalist. His writings were known in England, where he had been for six years a contributor to "Punch" and other periodicals. In the United States, where he had been the editor of "Truth," a New York weekly, and locally, where his contributions to the daily press marked him as a man of genius. He was at one time, prior to engaging in work in New York, a member of the staff of The Toronto Daily Mail.

Mr. McArthur underwent an operation about a week ago in London and his life hung for several days in the balance, the end being hastened by severe heart attacks, which he experienced on Sunday night. He was in his 58th year, and is survived by his widow and four children.

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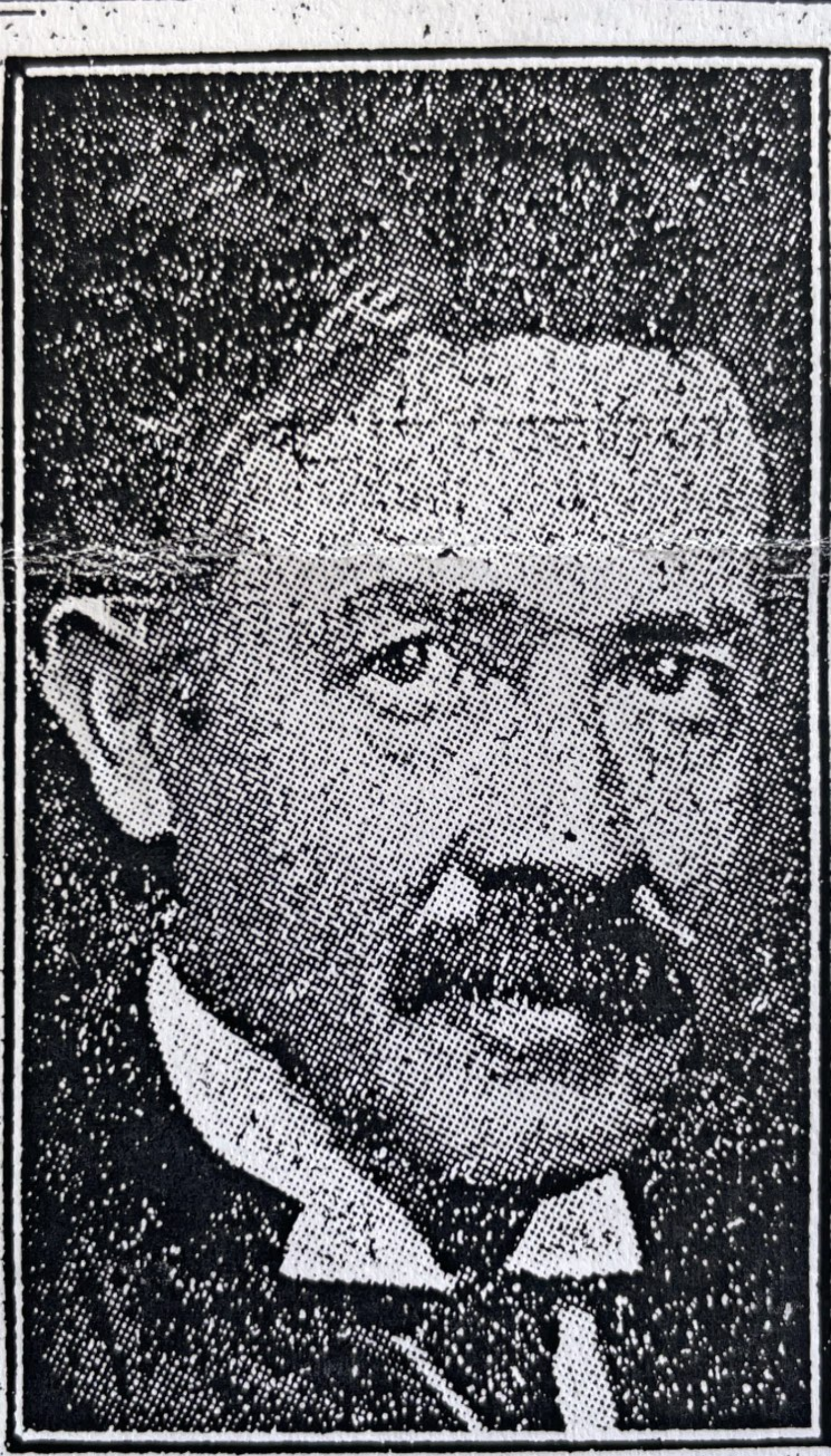
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His next chosen field was London, England, where he achieved equal prominence, writing for "Punch" and "The Review of Reviews." While overseas he published his book, "To be Taken with Salt, Being an Essay on Teaching One's Grandmother to Suck Eggs," the success of which was hampered by the failure of its publisher. He collaborated also while in London on a novel with W. T. Stead.

Returning to this continent, Mr. McArthur became identified with a publishing venture in New York for some time and finally, 17 years ago, returned to his birthplace at Ekfrid. His life since has been that of the farm, from which he wrote many essays, poems, and a few novels. His better known novels and books of verse include "The Affable Stranger," "The Red Cow," "In Pastures Green" and "The Prodigal." Mr. McArthur was a close friend of the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier and was one of his biographers. Deceased also won some success on the lecture platform.



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