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## ✓ DEATH OF FRANK BLAIR

A familiar figure about Groton from the earliest settlement was Frank Blair, who died suddenly on Tuesday night last at the Jay Face farm near Stratford. A machine expert whose activities extended from the southern states to the British possessions, he was in the harness up to the hour when the final summons came.

He had been employed about the Face threshing rig, was in his usual health and had eaten a hearty supper. As was his wont on such occasions, he had prepared a resting place for the night in a tent in preference to sleeping in a house, and was about to retire, when he declared to a companion that he felt sick. In a few minutes all was over and old Frank Blair was claimed by the silent majority.

He had a brother near Oakes, and is said to have had a brother and sister in Canada. He seemed like a part of this new country, and was performing his usual tasks, despite his seventy years.

The body was brought to Paetznick's undertaking establishment, prepared for burial, and with a short service at the grave the body was returned to Mother Earth in Union Cemetery, Friday afternoon.

Jay Face, Al. Neill, Ferd Rossow and J. M. Greer were up from Stratford for the funeral service.