

# JAMES W. SPENCE OF ROCKLAND DEAD

## Well-Known Business Man Ill Some Time

ROCKLAND, Aug 31—James W. Spence, aged 63, president of the Rockland Trust Company, and one of the best-known business men in this section, died at his home on Union st last evening. He has been in poor health for some time and had been confined to his home many weeks.

Mr Spence was a native of Rockland and was a son of the late John Spence. He was educated in the Rockland public schools and went into the leather business with his father, where he remained for about 20 years, then entering the shoe business. He was for a time connected with a Brockton concern as a shoe manufacturer and later manufacturing shoes in this town.

A number of years ago he purchased the Rockland Welting Company and continued as its head until his death. He was also interested in the Albert Culver Coal Company with his brother, John Spence. When the Rockland Trust Company was organized, Mr Spence was chosen its president and has continued since that time. He was a director in a Boston insurance company.

Mr Spence was a member of the Rockland Commercial Club and of Rockland

Council, Knights of Columbus. He leaves two sons, J. Fred and James Spence, and four daughters, Mrs Harold Fitzgibbons of Whitman, Mrs John Corcoran of Dorchester and the Misses Mary and Helen Spence. He is also survived by his wife and two brothers, John Spence and William Spence, and three sisters, the Misses Ethel and Mary Spence and Mrs George H. Crawford.