

# FATAL ACCIDENT AT SASKATOON

**Albert Gratias, Well Known Here,  
Was Killed While Out  
Hunting.**

Old time friends of Albert Gratias, Secretary and General Manager of the real estate firm of Gratias Land Co., Ltd., of Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, were extremely shocked on receiving the sad news, Tuesday evening, that he had been accidentally shot while out hunting Sunday morning. Just how the accident happened, is not known at this writing, but letters from relatives there confirm the statement as to the shooting. Albert in company with his brothers, Roy and Louis, were out forty-five miles from Saskatoon on hunting trip when the accident occurred. The shot entered a vital part of the hip or thigh, and although trousers of the wounded man were used up in attempting to stop the flow of blood, and although the boy made the trip to the city at the rate of forty miles an hour for the most part of the time, Roy Gratias, all this time, kneeling in the bottom of the car to hold the wounded man in the seat, still too much blood was lost before reaching medical aid, and the poor man died six hours after the accident. During ride into city, although the pains were excruciating forcing screams from the strong man, still between these he would direct and instruct his brother as to the condition of and as to the handling of the business of the firm, saying, "In case this should turn out serious," giving him minute instructions as to the affairs of his wife's accounts, where to find them, forgetting nothing or no one.

Several doctors were present and examination of the wound was made, which proved that nothing but an amputation of the limb would save his life. On account of the heavy loss of blood this was impossible.

Mr. Gratias was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Gratias pioneers of Bergen twp, Nelson County, N. D., they at that time residing on what is now known as the Hovel Farm. He left home at the age of about 15 years, taking up the study of the secret service, but at the time of the outbreak of the Spanish American War he enlisted in the army to go to the Philippines, serving there until the end of the war, when he returned to Denver, Col., where he again took up the detective work, in which he served several years with good success.

A little over three years ago he moved to Saskatoon where his brothers were at that time engaged in the real estate business, and with them he organized the Gratias Land Co., of which company he has been the secretary and manager these years. His foresight and particular training has had quite a good deal to do with the success of this company, and hence he will be greatly missed by his brothers and stockholders. As a man of sterling character, always placing the welfare of others first, he will be deeply mourned by his many relatives and friends.

He leaves to mourn his untimely death, his wife and a boy ten years old, besides his three brothers, Otto, Roy and Louis, and his sisters Flora and Belle, all of Saskatoon; a sister, Lillie, who resides in British Columbia, his mother, eldest sister and youngest brother in Fargo, his father, who resides in one of the eastern states, and his brother, Walter in Minneapolis.

Albert Gratias will be remembered by many of the residents of Pekin and vicinity, who will be very sorry to hear of his too early demise. The particulars of the accident may appear in a later issue, if such can be obtained.

Albert Gratias was, at his death, about 35 years old.—Pekin Budget.