

their lives and many others played the hero in the great efforts of salvage. To them it was truly a home, for had not some of them spent their entire lives of working years within its walls. To-day those who survive mourn their fellows and have themselves taken up the day's routine in unfamiliar places, awaiting the day when the new House shall have risen in its place, facing the four winds of Heaven, and there serenely stand a monument to Canada's progress and unshaken faith in her own destiny.

DEAD.

J. B. R. Laplante, Assistant Clerk of House of Commons.

A. Desjardins, Plumber, Dept. of Public Works.

Alphonse Desjardins, Consable, Dominion Police.

R. Fanning, Post Office Department.

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J. B. R. LAPLANTE.

Jean Baptiste Rene Laplante had been Assistant Clerk of the House of Commons since March, 1897. He was born at St. Constant, Laprairie County, Que., on August 19, 1856, the son of Jean Baptiste Laplante, a notary public, and his wife, Marie Angele Poupart. He received his education at Montreal College and at McGill University, where he graduated as Bachelor of Civil Law in 1880.

He practiced law in Montreal and at Valleyfield until 1897. He also engaged in journalism, and from 1888 until 1897 was editor of "Le Progres de Valleyfield."

In 1893 Mr. Laplante married Josephine Lodoiske Larocque, widow of Dr. A. Lesage.

A. DESJARDINS.

Mr. Alphonse Desjardins, 259 Water street, had been an employee of the Public Works Department for the last thirty-five years. During the session he was on duty at night in the House of Commons, superintending the staff of men looking after the work of regulating the heat and lights in the building. It was his business to see that all the lights in the House were extinguished after adjournment every night.

The missing Mr. Desjardins was 55 years of age. He was an old resident of Ottawa, having lived in the city since it was By Town. He originally came from St. Eustache, Que. He was a brother of ex-Ald. Desjardins, Mr. Ovila Desjardins of the Public Works Department, and Joseph Desjardins, Eastview, father of Dominion Policeman Desjardins, also missing. He also had two sisters in Ottawa, Madame L. Charbonneau, Water street, and Madame Z. Bellanger, Besserer street; his wife and two sons, Mr. Horace Desjardins and Mr. Lucien Desjardins of the Printing Bureau.

ALPHONSE DESJARDINS.

Dominion Policeman Alphonse Desjardins, nephew of the other man of the same name, also missing, was well known in Ottawa. He was the son of Mr. Joseph Desjardins, Eastview, a brother of Alphonse Desjardins, and had himself been a resident of Eastview for some time. He was twenty-seven years of age and married, with three children. He had been connected with the Dominion police force here for the last five years.

RANDOLPH W. FANNING.

Randolph W. Fanning, who was one of the three men caught beneath the falling masonry on Thursday night, has been a resident of Ottawa for the past six years.

Mr. Fanning came here from Devonshire, England, and was first employed at Rideau Hall. On leaving there he was on the staff of the House of Commons for two years and was later on the Post Office staff.

He was about thirty years of age