

J. R. BOOTH DIES; WAS LUMBER KING

Pioneer Lumber Man of Ottawa Valley Succumbs at Capital.

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Special to The Advertiser by Staff Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—John R. Booth, lumber magnate, died here today.

The grand old man of the Ottawa valley, dean of the industry in the Dominion, would have celebrated his 80th birthday on April 5 next. Death came quietly at 3:15 this afternoon at his residence, 252 Metcalfe street.

No serious illness blighted his last days. In fact his illness was never of a positive nature, but he became gradually weaker until Saturday, when he lapsed into a semi-conscious condition, from which he never fully recovered. His brothers and sister, sons and daughters and several grandchildren were at the bedside during his last hours.

Until Saturday morning, he was able to talk to his family and business associates, and for a short time each day he sat up in his room. This had been his condition since early in November, when he came home from his camp in the Madawaska district, after spending a week among the great timbers which he loved, and from which he had reaped an immense fortune.

Yvonne Erik, his favorite grandchild, was the only member of his family unable to be at his bedside.

Started With \$9.
Commencing life with a capital of \$9, John R. Booth accumulated a fortune, which is believed to be among Canada's largest. From once riding logs on the Ottawa river, he rose to travel in his private railway car.

John R. Booth, who was truly a timber king, a forest dominion of more than 4,000 square miles was his, west to the waters of the Great Opeongo and east to the Madawaska, north far into the province of Quebec, and east and south to Burlington, in Vermont state, all was a part of the great empire of John R. Booth.

A king in fact, John R. Booth, who at the same time an absolute monarch and an absolute democrat, if you sought him in business hours you were like as not to find him in overalls, while in his leisure hours he was like as not to find him in his sons or trusted to members of his office executive; outdoor jobs, even in their smallest details, he himself supervised. He rose early and worked late away back in the '50s, when Ottawa was not even thought of as the capital city. Sixty years later he did the same thing—up every morning at 6 o'clock, retiring at 10 at night, and putting from 12 to 14 hours of solid labor each day.

Silent of the Past.
Short of stature and slightly stooped was John R. Booth, an Ottawa of the present generation knew him. White hair and beard, framed by a square face, he was a man of a square, in which two bright blue eyes glittered keenly but not coldly. Of late years in few remembrances and gave no autobiographies of his ascent up the rough hewn path of fortune.

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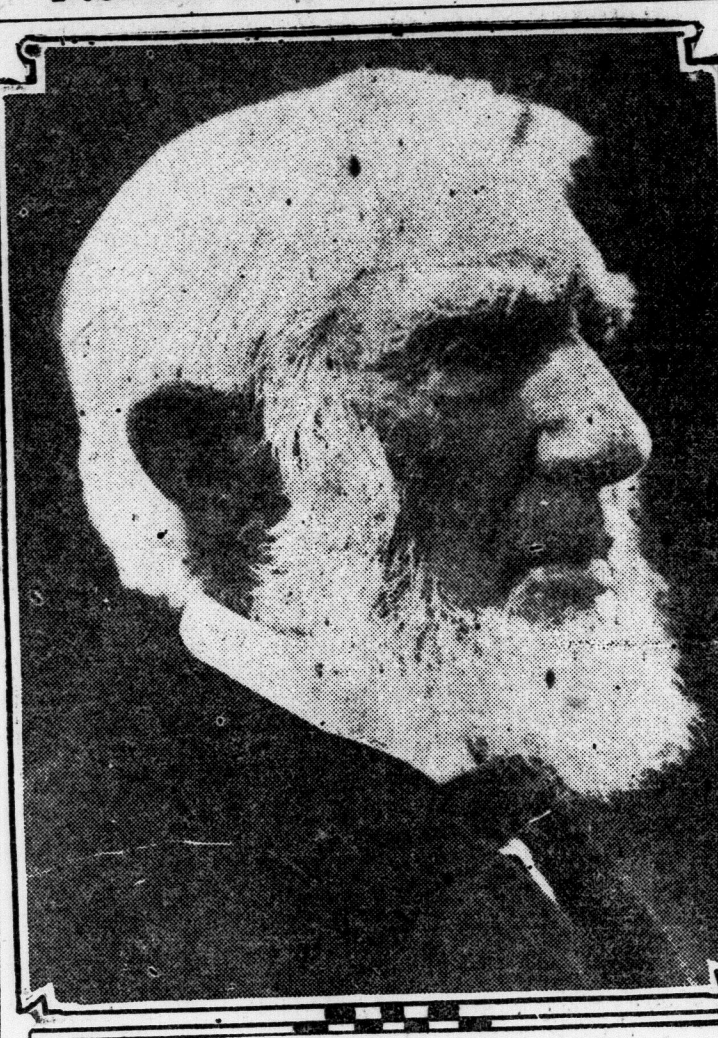
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Pioneer Lumber King Dead



JOHN R. BOOTH, OTTAWA VALLEY PIONEER. The Grand Old Man of the Upper Ottawa Valley, one of Canada's greatest pioneers, a veteran lumberman and lumber king, who died in Ottawa yesterday in his 80th year.

BOOTH WAS RUGGED PIONEER, DINED KING ON PORK, BEANS

Lumber King Faced Death in River and Forests Often.

SHUNNED POLITICS
Friendship Responsible For Election Support—Was Hockey Fan.

John R. Booth well-known throughout North America as a lumber king and railroad builder, was perhaps one of the most outstanding figures in Canadian life. The rise of J. R. Booth from a humble beginning on a farm until the day he became the timber king, makes a fascinating story of the achievement of that type of Canadian of which the nation can be proud.

To picture the headlight in his career, one only needs to think of him as a young man from the farm who, because of his great ambitions for success shook the shackles of the farm from him and with a capital of but nine dollars stepped out into the world of commerce with the determination to win. After years of toil he leaves forests over the entire Dominion measuring more than 4,000 square miles.

There were many highlights in his life. There have been days when he rode his own log boom in the riotous waters of the Ottawa River; days when he rode his own private car, and days of hardship and days of affluence.

A Remarkable Man.
Mr. Booth was considered the most remarkable man for his age in business circles. He was born in Waterloo, Quebec, in 1845, and was educated at the local schools. He was a man of great energy and determination, and he was a man of great success.

Mr. Booth was a director of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, president of the Dominion Nickel and Copper Company, and a director of the Canadian Cement Company.

Only three children survive the distinguished nonagenarian: Mrs. A. W. Fleck, Jackson Booth and J. Fred Booth, all of Ottawa. His two brothers, including Col. E. J. Booth, of Burlington, Vt., and a sister, also survive.

The relations of Mrs. O. Craig, his constant companion and nurse for many years, were all at Mr. Booth's bedside when he died.

PREMIER'S TRIBUTE.
Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Premier William L. Mackenzie King expressed deep regret this evening on hearing the news of the death of the late J. R. Booth. The prime minister believed, however, that the thought which would be uppermost in the minds of all who had witnessed Mr. Booth's near approach to the completion of 100 years would be one of pride and thankfulness for what his life and example meant to Canada.

"Mr. Booth," stated Premier King, "was indeed one of the fathers of Canada, and it is not too much to say that it is to men of such sterling worth that the nation owes its progress, more than ought else, that we owe the development of our Dominion."

"He belonged to the race of hardy pioneers who possessed wide vision, an abounding faith in their country and the genius of being able to link those virtues to practical achievements."

"Of his many great qualities, none was more marked than the unostentatious natural simplicity and directness of character which he maintained to the end of his days. He never lost the sense of a just appreciation of human as well as material values."

Tributes are also paid to the late lumber magnate by Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader; Sir Robert Borden, former premier of Canada; Sir George Perley, M.P., former Canadian high commissioner in London, England, and others.

Funeral arrangements have been made for Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, when services will be conducted at the residence of the late Mr. Booth. Premier King and Hon. Meighen and members of both houses of parliament are among those who are expected to attend.

No word had yet been received at a late hour tonight from Princess Eric, the deceased magnate's favorite grandchild, who has been visiting in Europe. Whether Princess Eric is on her way home or is still in Europe is so far not definitely known, but advice from her is hourly expected.

Freight Traffic Up 23 Per Cent
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St. Thomas, Dec. 8.—The Pere Marquette railroad reports 23 per cent increase in freight traffic for the Canadian division. This is an indication of what the traffic will be when navigation closes on the Great Lakes on December 15. The local railroads are making preparations for one of the biggest seasons since war times.

Had Rugged Constitution.
Mr. John R. Booth could lay claim to the record that during his long life he was hardly sick for more than a month or two, except when he met with an accident. His remarkable vitality and rugged constitution were evidenced in 1912, when he suffered a compound fracture of his left leg, and several ribs were injured. On this occasion Mr. Booth, who always believed in doing a day's work himself, was down in a pit in the millrads helping to remove some debris from a timber mill which had been burned. While working there, a large beam fell upon his leg, breaking it, and many thought, as he was then 67 years of age, he could not recover. He astonished both his family and the attending physicians by recovering so rapidly that, on the following spring that he resumed his daily trip to the mills.

Perhaps the narrowest escape John R. Booth ever had throughout his eventful life was one morning a few years ago when a coffer dam, which had been built to divert the Ottawa river sweep of the mill could be constructed, gave way without warning, and the incoming waters from the Ottawa river swept off the employees to his death, and only missed the aged lumberman by inches.

His Narrowest Escape.
As was his custom, Mr. Booth was down in the new flume watching the men at work, when suddenly an ominous cracking sound was heard, and workmen looking up from their labors to the coffer dam, were horrified to see the timbers bulging while water commenced to pour through in ever-increasing volume. Sensing that the dam was about to give way, and warned by the shouts of those up above on the cribwork, such working in the flume rushed madly to safety—with the exception of Mr. Booth who, owing to his partial deafness, or his danger, the shouts of the men shook him and, until one of the ladders up which he was standing was floated back to his top, and would have nearly reached the death had not one of those standing above reached down and pulled his employer to safety.

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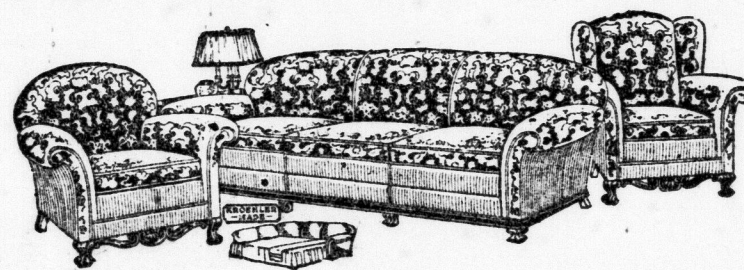
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