

OBITUARY

MR. L. N. RHEAUME  
Ottawa Citizen, Oct. 4

A life spent almost entirely in the service of his country was brought to a close this morning with the death of Mr. Louis Napoleon Rheaume, former consulting engineer for the Dominion Government with the Department of Railways and Canals, to whose genius there stand as monuments locks and waterways on the St. Lawrence river, at Coulanges, the Long Sault and Prescott.

The late Mr. Rheaume, whose life for over half a century was practically spent in the great outdoors which he loved, is the only survivor of the original party of geological surveyors who set out in 1873 to map out the first route which it was proposed the C. P. R. should follow through the Rockies. Under his direction many of the important waterway controls were constructed on the St. Lawrence.

The late Mr. Rheaume who was superannuated from the government service four years ago, had been in ill health for some time past and the end was not unexpected by his son, Rev. Father Rheaume, who had come from Winnipeg to be at his bedside, and his only daughter, Miss Eugenie.

The late Mr. Louis Napoleon Rheaume was born in the year 1847 in Quebec city, the son of the late Mr. J. P. Rheaume, who was a member of the Lower Canada Legislative Assembly for Quebec, and Miss E. Turcotte. He received his early education at the Quebec Seminary, and later entered McGill University from which he graduated in 1870, and chose as his profession that of a civil engineer. He entered the government service with the accession to power of the Right Honorable Alexander Mackenzie.

In 1872 he was a member of the Geological Survey party which set out to map out the proposed route of the Canadian Pacific Railway through the Rocky Mountains, with which he spent three years, and of which he was the sole remaining survivor.

Returning from the west in 1873, Mr. Rheaume took as his wife Miss Cordelia Dorion, daughter of Dr. E. Dorion, at that time a well known physician in the city. The marriage took place in old St. Joseph's Church here, where his son, Rev. Father A. D. Rheaume, parish priest of St. Edward's Church, Winnipeg, was later ordained to the priesthood by the late Archbishop Gauthier in 1909.

Returning to the West in 1880 Mr. Rheaume decided to divert his engineering talent from railways to the construction and control of waterways and was for two years engaged in making surveys and enlargements to the canal locks on the Lachine Canal and along the St. Lawrence.

In 1882 he removed to the town of Morrisburgh and under the direction of the late Mr. Roubidge who was engineer in charge of the works, he took part in the enlargement of the Long Sault canal, which was extended by three miles.

On the death of Mr. Roubidge, Mr. Rheaume was placed in charge of this important government work, upon which he was engaged for over fourteen years. He was then given the division to superintend from St. Soulanges to Prescott, where under his direction all the locks were built, and the escarpments of the canal, also the Cardinal Locks.

Upon the completion of his work in the Soulanges division, Mr. Rheaume with his family moved to Cornwall, where he resided from 1896 until 1904, when he came to Ottawa, and until the time he was superannuated four years ago was

consulting engineer for the Dominion Department of Railways and Canals, in connection with the development work which had been constructed under his direction on the St. Lawrence river. In all, the late Mr. Rheaume spent fifty years of his life in the service of his country during which he qualified as an engineering expert on waterways control, whose extensive knowledge was welcomed by the Government.

The death of his wife five years ago proved a severe blow to Mr. Rheaume, and also to the city of Ottawa where he played a prominent part in the formation of the Canadian Historical Society, before which she read many important papers; was president of St. Joseph's Orphanage and vice-president of the Children's Aid Society.

Mr. Rheaume was a prominent and highly esteemed member of the Engineering Institute of Canada, also of the Ottawa Council Knights of Columbus and the C. M. B. A., which he joined while in Cornwall and was transferred here.

He is survived by one daughter, Miss Eugenie, at home; a son, Rev. Father A. D. Rheaume, parish priest of St. Edward's, Winnipeg, formerly of Ottawa; two brothers, Messrs. August A. Rheaume, Court House Librarian, Quebec City, and Eugene at Lorette, Que.; a sister, Mrs. W. Daly at Montreal, and he was a distant cousin of His Lordship Bishop Louis Rheaume of the diocese of Halifax, N.S.

Representatives of the various scientific bodies of the city and of the department in which he labored for over half a century, together with many prominent citizens, paid a last tribute of respect on Monday, Oct. 6, to the late Louis Napoleon Rheaume, whose funeral took place from the family residence, 81 Daly avenue, to St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. Solemn Requiem Mass was chanted by Rev. Father A. D. Rheaume, parish priest of St. Edward's, Winnipeg, son of the deceased, who was assisted by Rev. Father J. H. McDonald, of Toledo, Ont., as deacon, and by Rev. Father A. Armstrong, of Fitzroy Harbor, as sub-deacon.

The chief mourners were Rev. Father A. D. Rheaume, of Winnipeg, a son; Miss Eugenie Rheaume, a daughter; Miss G. Dorion, and Messrs. Napoleon and Charles Mathe, grand nephews.

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DIED

CARRIGAN.—At Spring Hill, N. S., on September 14, 1924, Mrs. Mary Jane Carrigan, aged fifty-five years. May her soul rest in peace.

LAPPE.—At his late residence 605 King Edward Avenue, Ottawa, on September 24, 1924, Mr. F. B. Lappe, aged eighty-six years. May his soul rest in peace.

LAYDEN.—At Dundas, Ont., on Thursday, September 25, 1924, Elizabeth Layden, widow of Michael Layden, aged eighty-six years. May her soul rest in peace.

McEvoy.—Suddenly, on September 29, 1924, John M. McEvoy, aged eighty-three years. Funeral from his sister's residence, Mrs. P. O'Connor, 401 Lisgar St., Ottawa, Interment at West Osgoode, Ont. May his soul rest in peace.

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Had it not been for the votes of people of similar attitude, Government Control could never have been achieved in the Western Provinces. This is proved by the fact that where the permit system has been adopted the number of people taking out permits has been much less than that of those who voted against compulsory prohibition.

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