

The Funeral of Sir James MacBrien

ALL THE moving, military honors traditionally accorded to one of his high rank united with the impressive ritual of the Anglican Church at the funeral here on Tuesday afternoon of Major General Sir James H. MacBrien, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and former Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces of Canada, whose death occurred on Saturday in Toronto, in his 60th year.

A veteran of the South African and Great War, many of his former comrades-in-arms, long since returned to civil pursuits and occupations, joined the lengthy cortege in token of their respect for one whom they had long regarded as a brave soldier, a brilliant officer and a gentleman.

Stately Tribute

The funeral was one of the most stately ceremonials ever witnessed in the Capital. It was fully representative of its military, governmental, diplomatic and civil life, the special place he had occupied in it, and the high esteem in which he was held by all with whom his many duties had brought him into official or private relations.

The service was held in Christ Church Cathedral, a large and distinguished congregation participating. There were many official representatives present also from Toronto, Montreal, Kingston, Quebec City, Peterboro and other points. Many thousands of sympathizers lined the lengthy route of the procession from the Cathedral to Beechwood cemetery, and stood in respectful silence as the cortege passed. On Wellington street, Parliament Hill and Rideau street particularly, the crowds were very densely packed together.

Mile-Long Cortege

All arms of Ottawa Garrison of the Defence Forces were represented in the cortege, with similar representations from the R.C.M.P., the city police and fire departments, and veterans' organizations. The cortege was more than a mile in length.

His Excellency the Governor General was represented by Colonel H. Willis-O'Connor, A.D.C., who attended the service in the Cathedral and followed behind the gun carriage which carried the casket to the cemetery. Prime Minister Mackenzie King and Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, represented the Government, Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, former Prime Minister, through whose representations General MacBrien received the honor of knighthood from King George V in recognition of his services to the Dominion and Empire, and Hon. Hugh Guthrie, former Minister of Justice in Mr. Bennett's Cabinet, were also among the notables in the Cathedral who followed in the cortege.

Survivor's of Canada's First 30,000, of the 12th Infantry Brigade, of the C.E.F. which General MacBrien commanded during the Great War, and veterans of South Africa, marched with younger and newer members of the defence forces.

A detachment of members of the R.C.M.P. acted as bearers and the following attended as honorary pallbearers: Major General H. A. Panet, Major General A. G. L. McNaughton, Major General C. F. Constantine,

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