

Illsey Eugene Victor

# Eugene V. Illsey, Formerly of City Dies in Hamilton

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A career in public service and finance ended Tuesday when Eugene Victor Illsey, formerly of Belleville, died at his residence, 10 Freeman Place, Hamilton. He was 70.

For his selfless interest in community life Hamilton named him citizen of the year in 1949.

Mr. Illsey's civic contributions which led to this distinction were many: Chairman of the Community Chest in 1946; president of the Community Chest in 1947; assistant chairman and treasurer of the clearing house in the Victory Loan drives during World War II; treasurer of the campaign for the Cancer Research Foundation in Hamilton and a member of the Salvation Army advisory board.

Church and cultural life in that city felt his supporting hand as well. He was chairman of the Stewart Memorial Church Committee, and member of Central Presbyterian Church and was connected with the former Elgar Choir and other musical organizations there.

Mr. Illsey's banking career started in 1902 with the old Standard Bank of Canada in Saskatchewan. He opened a branch of the bank in Trenton and then moved to Windsor, where he stayed until 1918 when he went to Hamilton.

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## MANAGED BANK IN CITY

He remained there until 1928 when the Canadian Bank of Commerce absorbed the Standard Bank. He managed banks in Belleville and Seattle before returning again to Hamilton as manager of the main office of the Bank of Commerce. He retired in 1948.

A supporter of the Chamber of Commerce movement, he was elected president of the Hamilton chamber in 1926 and director from 1943 to 1947. And as a member of the Rotary Club he served on the Hamilton Publicity Committee. In 1944 he was elected chairman of the annual campaign to raise funds for 27 welfare and charitable organizations in the United Home Front.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mabel Ackerill, formerly of Belleville; one son, Eugene Victor of Hamilton; two daughters, Mrs. Archibald Atkinson (Elizabeth) of Ancaster and Miss Hilda Illsey at home; one brother, Hartwell Illsey of Youngstown, Alta.

Service was held at Central Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. with burial in Belleville cemetery this Friday.

Mr. Illsey left his imprint on the business, civic, church and social life of this city, while a resident here for some years. He came to Belleville as manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and immediately started to take an active part in all phases of the city life. He made a legion of friends, was highly regarded and his death will be sincerely regretted by a wide circle.

He took an active interest in the Rotary Club and was one of its past presidents. In the work of the Chamber of Commerce he was most active and was rewarded for his services by being made president. In St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church he acted as steward on the board and was ever willing to assist in any work of the congregation.

Mr. Illsey was a man of fine character and high principles. He was a kindly man and a good neighbor and in his business life as a banker enjoyed a wide clientele throughout the Bay of Quinte district.