Former Mayor Is Dead at 68

Former mayor of Belleville and construction contractor in the Quinte area for nearly three decades, John G. Both. 284 Albert Street died in Kingston General Hospital on Thursday following a lengthy illness. He was in his 69th year.

Born at Denbigh, Ont., he was the son of the late Mr.

The intelligencer Nov. 21th 1970 and Mrs. Charles Both and had lived in Toronto before coming to Belleville 28 years ago.

During World War II he served with the Department of National Defence in its works and buildings department. He had also worked for the Ontario Department of Highways for several years.

He was mayor of Belleville in 1954 and 1955 and was one of the few first magistrates of the city who was elected as mayor without previous experience on city council. He was a member of Bridge Street United Church.

He was a charter member of the Temple lodge, AF and AM; Quinte Friendship Chapter 227; King Baldwin Preceptory No. 6, Belleville: Rameses Temple, Toronto and the Belleville Shrine Club and ZABUD Council No. 15 of Belleville.

Besides his wife, the former Colombe Pourangeau, he is survived by a son Wallace of Toronto and a daughter Mrs. Jean Howie of Napanee.

A brother Albert lives in Kitchener. There are three sisters, Mrs. Marie Dawson of Barwick, Mrs. Rosa Clarke of Thunder Bay and Mrs. Eva Jackson of Northbrook.

The body will rest at the John R. Bush Funeral Home from noon Saturday. The funeral will be held Monday with service in the chapel conducted by Dr. H. M. Davis. Interment will be in Northbrook Cemetery.