

Meagher's Allan G



FOLLOWING FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS—Shown above are six Meagher brothers with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Meagher of Octavia Street, at retirement banquet held at Club Canara. Seen left to right, rear row, are Bernard, Allan, Dennis, Gerry, Larry and Jim, all employees of the Canadian National Railways. Seated in front row are Mr. and Mrs. Meagher. Couple were recipients of many lovely gifts.

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Allan G. Meagher Retires After 48 Years of Service

Allan G. Meagher, general clerk in the area manager's office at Belleville for the past 48 years is retiring, but the Meagher name will be carried on in local railway circles.

Now on "retirement leave" Mr. Meagher will officially end his association with CN on June 30, but five of his sons are railway employees.

Three of his sons, Bernard, Allan and Gerald, are classed conductors, Larry is a despatcher, and James is operator at Trenton Junction.

And a sixth son, university student, James F. Meagher, has also worked for the railway during the summer holiday period. Mr. and Mrs. Meagher have nine children.

Last night Mr. Meagher received the best wishes of his fellow employees when he and Mrs. Meagher were guests of honor at a retirement party held at the Club Canara.

JOINED IN 1916

Mr. Meagher joined the old G.T.R. in Belleville back in May, 1916 and served one month as clerk in the yard office.

He then went to the superintendent's office — also as clerk — and was there until his retirement. In his 48 years with the railway Mr. Meagher served under eight different division superintendents and since reorganization of the railway, under two different area managers.

Still an avid sports fan the Meagher name was well known in the local baseball world following World War I when Belleville Grand Trunks were cutting a swath in Senior OBA circles.

An infielder, Allan played second base with the Ontario champs in 1919 and on three later occasions was on the team that won the Central Ontario championship.

WAS ARENA MANAGER

He has also done a bit of curling, played basketball with the local "Y" and was once active in lawn bowling.

For ten years he was managing director at the Belleville Arena.

He took an active part in the formation of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Workers and assisted in job valuation and in other work leading up to the first agreement signed with the railway. He still holds a membership card.

Aside from his regular railway duties Mr Meagher took an active part in planning for the railway worker owned Club Canara, which he feels has filled a great need in the city generally.

Between 150 and 200 guests

including family, friends and fellow workers met at the Club last night to honor Mr. Meagher upon his retirement after his many years of service with the CNR.

Mr. Meagher was presented with a lamp, desk, chair and calendar clock by his six sons and three daughters, plus a gift of money. They also received a cheque, a life membership and a plaque from the CNRAA and a gift from the C.N.R. Lodge, No. 108. Mrs. Meagher was presented with a lovely bouquet of roses by the Ladies Auxiliary of Club Canara.

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