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Monsignor J. F. Nicholson Dies in Hotel Dieu, Kingston, In Failing Health For Months

The Right Reverend Monsignor James Francis Nicholson, P.A., V.G., P.P., M.C., beloved priest of the Parish of St. Michael the Archangel, and former Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Kingston died in the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston, on Thursday afternoon. The late Monsignor was in his 62nd year.

Born in Kingston on October 28, 1888, the son of the late Thomas Nicholson and Mrs. Nicholson, the 61-year-old prelate passed away after a lingering illness, the after-effects of severe gassing received while serving overseas with the Canadian Army during the First World War.

The funeral and burial services will be held here on Monday August 14th., when Pontifical High Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. by His Grace, Archbishop O'Sullivan of Kingston.

An entire city will mourn his passing. For the late Monsignor was one who was the beloved of many and who enjoyed the highest esteem and respect of those beyond his denominational sphere.

Vital Part of Community

He was something more than a parish priest. He was a vital part of the religious and community life of this city. He took an active interest in matters beyond the perimeter of his ecclesiastical activities, that had to do with the well-being of the city in which he resided.

Everybody called Monsignor

Nicholson "friend." He had a cheery word of greeting for all with whom he came in contact regardless of color, race or creed. Religious beliefs were no barriers to friendships to this tolerant open-minded warm-hearted priest of the Church.

War veterans of the city and district, with whom he remained in almost constant contact will miss Monsignor Nicholson. He served with them in the first Great War where he lived with them, fought with them, talked with them in their own language, and above all, understood them.

Monsignor Nicholson was an active member of Branch 99 of the Canadian Legion and a charter member of branch 201 of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans.

Belleville Churchman Dies



An entire city mourns today the passing of one of its most illustrious citizens, the Rt. Rev. Monsignor J. F. Nicholson, beloved priest of the Parish of St. Michael the Archangel. The late Monsignor who passed away on Thursday was beloved by all with whom he came in contact, especially his comrades of the First World War with whom he served with gallantry and courage. People of all religious denominations mark with profound sorrow and regret the passing of one who was a sincere friend to all.

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