

Canon W. M. H. Quartermaine Of Renfrew Dies in Kingston

RENFREW, March 29.—(Staff)
—Rev. Canon W. M. H. Quartermaine, venerable and greatly esteemed rector of St. Paul's Church here, died in Kingston yesterday. He was in his 89th year.

The body was brought to Renfrew today it lie in state at St. Paul's Church where a service will be conducted at two o'clock Thursday afternoon.

In point of years and service he was one of the senior clergymen of Ottawa Diocese. In 1946 Renfrew and district residents honored him on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the ministry of the Church of England. He had been at Renfrew for more than half a century.

Canon Quartermaine was born in Bath, England, almost in the shadow of the old Abbey Church known as the "Lantern of England", son of the late Matthew Henry and Elizabeth Quartermaine. He was educated at the grammar school, established in 1552 by Edward VI. He entered King's College, London, in 1882, and in March, 1885, he came to Canada to labor in a wilderness vineyard as a young missionary.

He was ordained to the diaconate of the Church of England on Easter Sunday in 1886 when he was assigned to be missionary of the Upper Ottawa and Nipissing Mission with headquarters at Mattawa.

Two Years at Odessa.

Raised to the priesthood in 1888, he was appointed to the Mission of Odessa, near Kingston. After two years he was again sent to the Ottawa Valley in charge of the mission and parish of Renfrew.

When his headquarters were at Mattawa the CPR had but recently reached this frontier settlement which was also an important Hudson Bay post.

The then young missionary was visited by the Bishop of Moosonee who arrived in a birch bark passenger canoe paddled by Indians. To return to his Arctic diocese the bishop travelled by train from Mattawa to Montreal, and thence by boat to Liverpool and back across the North Atlantic to Churchill.

Vast Wilderness Parish.

Young Quartermaine's wilderness parish was 3,000 square miles of bush territory penetrated by the steel fingers of the CPR. The railway was its chief highway and he became adept at "walking the ties", above which the heat shimmered in gossamer waves in the Summer and where the cold blasts of Winter stabbed through heavy woollen clothing.

In 1908 Canon Quartermaine was elected Rural Priest, Church of St. Paul, Renfrew.



CANON QUARTERMAINE.

affiliations Canon Quartermaine was associated with many organizations and lodges.

He was past master of Renfrew Lodge, AF and AM, past first principal of Bonnechere Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, past noble grand of Renfrew Lodge IOOF, past president of Renfrew Lodge of Sons of England.

Name Was Household Word.

Canon Quartermaine was a gentleman of the old school. He was noted for his affability and courtesy and through his long years of service his name had become a household word not only through Renfrew County but through a much wider area of the province.

He was a member of Ottawa Preceptory of Knights Templar, member of Scottish Rite Masons of Valley of Ottawa, member of Ontario Club, Toronto; Grand Chaplain of IOF for Eastern Ontario.

Chief survivor is his widow.