

OBITUARY
THOMAS BELANGER

One of Cobalt's most respected citizens, Tom Belanger died Thursday evening as he was walking to church. Born May 12, 1901, he was a former Cobalt fire chief, and has served in various capacities with the fire department for more than 40 years.

He was born at Ville Marie, Quebec, the son of Examines Belanger, and the late Mrs. Belanger, the former Delphine Lamothé.

He came to Cobalt in 1903 with his parents when there were only a few families in the town. Mr. Belanger attended the first school to be built in Cobalt in 1907 on Lang Street, which was destroyed by fire in 1909. In the same fire the Belanger family lost two stores.

Mr. Belanger worked with his father as a young man in the family ice business. In 1918 he joined the fire department as a volunteer after Fire Chief Jack Matheson left Cobalt. Mr. Belanger was appointed fire chief, a position he held for several years, until he resigned to take over the family business, but remained a volunteer.

Some seven years ago he gave up private business and rejoined the fire department as chief truck driver, a position he has held ever since.

Mr. Belanger married the former Marie Louise Bourassa of Buckingham, Quebec on October 1st, 1929. They had a family of five boys and four girls, of whom eight survive. During the years he served one term as town councillor, 12 years as a member of the separate school board, and has been a member for many years of the Sacred Heart league of Ste. Therese' church in Cobalt.

Funeral services were held Monday from Ste. Therese's Church in Cobalt. Requiem mass was sung by Rev. Father O. Lemay, assisted by first deacon Rev. Father L. Brunette of Haileybury, and second deacon Rev. C. Perron of North Cobalt.

Town councillors P. C. Cain, G. St. Hilaire, F. Purdy, J. Mathews, T. Despres and town clerk Cyril Vezina acted as pall bearers.

He also had served as fire chief for several years, and while in private business was a member of the volunteer brigade. Members of the Cobalt and Haileybury volunteer fire departments marched in procession with the Sacred Heart League of Ste. Therese' church.

Survivors include Mrs. Belanger; four sons, Maurice, Robert and Louis of Cobalt, and Remi, Spanish, Ont., four daughters, Henrietta, Mrs. Germain Dugas, Montreal, Claire, Mrs. Allan Brown, Cobalt, Renia, Mrs. Ronald Brillon, Spanish, Ont., and Miss Theresa Belanger of Kirkland Lake.

Also surviving are his father, Examines Belanger of Kirkland Lake; two brothers, Edouard of Cobalt, and Absalon of Val d'Or; two sisters, Miss Eva Belanger and Venicia, Mrs. Leo St. Onge, both of Kirkland Lake.

Mourners from out of town included Fire Chief Jack Matheson of Kirkland Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brillon of Spanish, Ont., Miss Therese Belanger, Kirkland Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Absalon Belanger Val d'Or; Mrs. Leo St. Onge, Kirkland Lake; Mr. Eugene Belanger, Kirkland Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Henri Bourassa, Chicago; Mrs. Phillimon Gaureau, Buckingham, Que., Mrs. Donat St. Germain, South Porcupine; Mr. and Mrs. Oneil Bilodeau, Timmins; Mr.

and Mrs. Albert Gagnon, Timmins; Mrs. A. Leduc, Kirkland Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rouillard, Kirkland Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lajoie, Sudbury; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Oatvey, Larder Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee, Kirkland Lake; Mr. and Henri Matthieu, Kirkland Lake; Miss Louise Gingras, Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. Brazeau, Haileybury; Mr. Fernando Zanin, Elliot Lake; Mr. and Mrs. A. Dugas, New Liskeard; Mr. and Mrs. E. Grise, New Liskeard; Mr. and Mrs. A. Dugas, Toronto; Mr. William R. Robitard, Latchford; Mr. Bert Ough, Kirkland Lake; Mrs. Paul Dupong, Kirkland Lake; Mr. and Mrs. O. Bougie, Kirkland Lake.

COAT YOUR OWN BOAT

Recently developed by a Canadian firm is a new type of reinforced plastic boat coating resin, reports The Financial Post.

It bonds a tough glass fibre sheet to the boat hull, resulting finish is not affected by fresh or salt water, gasoline, or oil, maker claims. Designed for do-it-yourself enthusiasts no special tools are required. Resin will shortly be available in stores from coast to coast.

Canadian Legion Notes

Hi Comrades:

I believe congratulations are in order as our Zone Commander J. J. Clancy was very gratified at the turn out to the Zone Meeting on Friday evening. Those who attended will certainly verify the fact that there were many interesting topics discussed and we all certainly learned a lot about our Zone business.

I know that the executive of your Branch would certainly appreciate a like turn out at the Branch meetings. The meeting for Branch 54 Haileybury will be Monday April 21st, 1958, so Comrades, make a special effort to attend, bring your complaints with you and let's try to iron out any indifferences so that we can have perfect harmony within and without our Branch, especially among members.

An official challenge has been offered to the Elk Lake Branch for a game of cribbage at which time our trophy will be in the offing. As soon as notification has been received regarding the tools are required. Resin will be available in stores notified.

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ugh we still have some comrades who are in arrears so let's make a special effort this pay day to pay them up and keep your voice in the Legion.

Our Socials are still every Saturday night, so if you are looking for something to do Saturday night and want to spend an enjoyable evening come early and join us at the Legion.

For your coffee break on Friday afternoon, April 18th, visit the Haileybury Legion Hall, where the Ladies of the Auxiliary are serving sandwiches, pies and cake at a very moderate price. Now, don't forget, folks, every one is welcome.

Fraternally,

Sid.

FISHING SEASON

Now that the ice is beginning to look as though it just might break up, some day, fishermen are beginning to get a gleam in their eyes and are starting to oil up their rods and reels, or what ever it is they do to them, in preparation for that wonderful time when they can spend a

whole day replenishing the family larder with several fish at least half an inch over the legal size.

E. J. Mantle, the local game warden says the trout season opens on May 1, and the season will reopen on May 24. About the same time he expects the American bear hunters will start their trek to the Lady Evelyn and Montreal River areas.

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THE DIESEL FIREMAN DISPUTE ON CANADIAN PACIFIC

TWO YEARS AGO, in April 1956 the Firemen's Union demanded wage increases and other benefits involving substantial increased costs.

AT THE SAME TIME Canadian Pacific proposed that, as firemen were not necessary, they should no longer be carried on diesel locomotives in freight and yard service.

CANADIAN PACIFIC also proposed dropping both arbitrary wage payments for which no service was rendered and differential wage rates in mountain territory.

IN DECEMBER 1956 a Federal Board of Conciliation recommended substantial wage increases and other benefits. At the same time, it found that firemen were not required on diesel locomotives in freight and yard service and made provision for protection of their employment. It also found that payment of arbitraries and mountain differential should be modified.

CANADIAN PACIFIC accepted the Conciliation Board's report.

THE FIREMEN'S UNION rejected the report and called a strike on January 2, 1957.

THE STRIKE WAS ENDED on January 11, 1957 on the following basis:—

1. Canadian Pacific agreed to pay the substantial wage increases retroactive to April 1 of the previous year and other benefits recommended by the Conciliation Board.
2. The Union and Canadian Pacific agreed to refer the DIESEL ISSUE as well as payment of arbitraries and mountain differential to a ROYAL COMMISSION.
3. The Union and Canadian Pacific agreed to negotiate these issues in the light of and immediately following the publication of the ROYAL COMMISSION'S Report.

THE KELLOCK ROYAL COMMISSION of three senior judges devoted ten months to hearing 119 witnesses and, at the request of the Firemen's Union, made on-the-ground investigations across Canada and also made observations on four major European railway systems. It was the most extensive and thorough investigation in the history of labour relations in Canada.

IN ITS UNANIMOUS REPORT published February 4, 1958 the ROYAL COMMISSION found that:—

1. Firemen are not required on diesel locomotives in freight and yard service on Canadian Pacific either for safety or any other reason.
2. The proposal of Canadian Pacific for protecting firemen from loss of employment and seniority is fair and generous.
3. Arbitraries have become unrealistic and should be dropped and payment made on the basis of service rendered.
4. Mountain differential payments should be dropped and replaced by valley differential.

CANADIAN PACIFIC accepted the report of the KELLOCK ROYAL COMMISSION as it had undertaken to do when the Commission was appointed.

THE UNION rejected the report, stating that nothing in it was acceptable to them. They did so knowing that not one fireman would suffer loss of railway employment who was hired before the proposal to discontinue firemen on freight and yard diesels was made in April, 1956. All across Canada there are less than 100 firemen hired after that date and now working who face possible lay-off.

ALL EFFORTS of Canadian Pacific to settle the dispute through negotiations with the Firemen's Union have failed.

FOR TWO YEARS firemen have enjoyed substantial wage increases. During these two years action on the diesel issue has been postponed while the Union had every contention it could advance investigated by two enquiries.

CANADIAN PACIFIC has a duty to the public to operate the railway efficiently and economically.

CANADIAN PACIFIC, to fulfill this duty, has given notice to the Firemen's Union that the findings of the KELLOCK

ROYAL COMMISSION will take effect on May 11, 1958.

THIS ACTION is in accordance with Federal labour law.

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