

Bytown Biography

"Midas" Beaulieu Has Gold In His Character

By Bob Martin

Evening Citizen Staff Writer About four o'clock every afternoon, a stocky, stern-looking gentleman enters a doorway at 123 Rideau Street and slowly mounts the long, wooden stairway to his "home".

The gentleman is Hormidas Beaulieu. The gold letters on the door outside read: L'Institut Canadien-Francais d'Ottawa. Both the man and the Institut are as close as father and son. At 75, Hormidas Beaulieu is often referred to as the father of Ottawa's first home of French-Canadian thought and culture. Members of this exclusive organization have elected him president for 12 terms and he has served on the executive since 1905.

Retired In 1946

An Ottawa resident since 1901, Hormidas Beaulieu retired in 1946 as secretary of the Post Office Department and director of the Internal Postal Services.

A true French-Canadian gentleman, he has retained the characteristics of his people in spite of 50 years of living in a predominantly English-speaking environment.

In his speech, in his thoughts and in his habits are evident the inborn qualities of the Quebec habitant clothed in a gentle mantle of distinction.

But from within the strict confines of his religious and French upbringing at his Mont-Joli home and the schools of Quebec City have emerged a broadmindedness and a sense of diplomacy which have carried him easily through his associations with fellow English-speaking Canadians.

Now that he is retired, his wife has passed away and his children have grown up, his life is devoted to L'Institut Canadien-Francais, Ottawa's oldest French-speaking organization. There, as he reaches the top of the long stairway, he's welcomed as the boss—a popular man with his fellow-members and just plain "Midas" to the older card-bearers.

Institut Goal

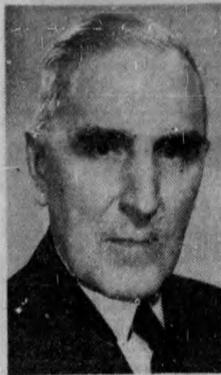
The "Institut's" goal is the moral, intellectual and physical development of its members. But it's not the movie-type of club where members sit in lounging chairs to read their papers or nap in a library-like atmosphere.

As would be expected in a French-Canadian club, there's merriment and laughter at the Institut. There are game rooms, libraries, lounges and salons reserved for musical, literary and drama endeavors.

There's a crucifix in the pool-room and elsewhere a poster reminds members that French is the official language of the Institut. Yet the club's bylaws forbid any political or religious discussions.

That is "Midas" Beaulieu's "hideout" and his second home. He came to Ottawa in 1901 after receiving his education at the Mont-Joli Model School and the Laval University Normal School in Quebec.

After completing a 10-month stint as a census official here, he entered the Post Office Department, a government branch



Hormidas Beaulieu

he was to leave only 44 years later.

Given High Honor

In tribute to his lengthy service to his country he was made a Companion of the Imperial Service Order upon his retirement in January 1946.

Mr. Beaulieu also served two years on the now-defunct Foreign Exchange Control Board. He is a member of the board of directors of L'Alliance Francaise, an organization devoted to the propagation of the French language throughout the world, and is an active member of La Societe St. Jean-Baptiste d'Ottawa.

His career at the Post Office is sprinkled with worthy offices. They include: technical adviser at the Imperial Economic Conference held here in 1932; the Postmaster General's representative on the Preparatory Commission of the Universal Postal Union; delegate to the Universal Postal Union Congress at Cairo in 1934; technical adviser at the Imperial Conference at London, England, 1937; delegate to the UPU congress in Buenos Aires in 1939.

He also served as arbiter in a case of litigation involving the United States and Holland. The citation read upon his retirement concludes: "Having served with distinction in his many duties, Mr. Beaulieu lays down the reins of office with a highly creditable record of service to his department and his country."

In retirement, Mr. Beaulieu reminisces over the days of his youth when he was a familiar figure on hockey rinks and rugby fields. With his wife gone, his life is now devoted to his children and his beloved "Institut."

There is a saying at the club. As goes Hormidas Beaulieu, so goes the "Institut." All members are happy to see their president happy, healthy and vigorous as ever.

In early Rome the "evil eye" was so well recognized that special laws were enacted against injury to crops by fas-

Mrs. J. Rene Therien

Wife Of Aylmer Mayor Dies Aged 40

A highly esteemed resident of Aylmer, Mrs. J. Rene Therien died last night in a Hull hospital following a lengthy illness. She was 40 years of age.

Active in community affairs, she had for several years assisted her husband in his position as mayor of Aylmer. Her death came as a shock to her many friends.

The former Ruth Margaret Knox, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knox, she was born and educated in Ottawa. A graduate of the Gloucester Street Convent, she worked for a few years as a stenographer with an Ottawa firm until her marriage.

In 1936 she was married in Ottawa to J. Rene Therien, after which she took up residence in Aylmer.

Church Worker

A devout parishioner of St. Theresa's Church, Ottawa, and later of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, Aylmer, she was also a member of the Ladies of St. Anne.

Surviving besides her husband are one daughter, Anne, at home; three sons, Francois, Emile and Rene, Jr., all at home; two brothers, Wilfrid of Toronto and Frank of New York, and three sisters, Mrs. John Lamb of Ottawa and the Misses Agnes and Winnifred, both of Ottawa.

The body is resting at the home, 3 Bancroft Street, Aylmer. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Victor Smith, 69, Passes At Home

An employee of the Printing Bureau for many years until his retirement 17 years ago, Victor Smith, 69, of 42 Tetreau Street, Val Tetreau, passed away at his residence Thursday. He was a veteran of the First World War.

Born in Kent, England, he was the son of the late Natallian James Smith, and his wife Jane Hogwood.

His wife, the former Marie Hall, survives, as do three sons, Frank, Cornwall, Joseph, St. Lambert, Que., and George, Val Tetreau, and four daughters, Mrs. Albert Fortin (Marguerite), Mrs. Raoul Dupuis (Helene), Mrs. Kenneth Sloan (Beatrice), and Mrs. Florian Pariseau (Rita).

The body rested at the Beauchamp Funeral Home, 171 St. Laurent Street, Hull, from where the funeral was held today to Notre Dame De Lorette Church, Val Tetreau for requiem high mass at 8:30 a.m. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Aylmer.

A special diploma course in public recreation is being given at the University of British Columbia. It was announced yesterday. Names of 23 persons accepted for the one-year course were also announced. There is none from the Ottawa area.

Big Hydro Expansion Planned For Quebec

By The Canadian Press

QUEBEC—One of the great North Shore rivers of the St. Lawrence will be harnessed at a cost of \$100,000,000 to supply expanding need for electric power in Gaspé Peninsula.

Premier Duplessis announced yesterday at his regular press conference the Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission has launched the project, which will increase by 500,000 horse power Quebec's installed capacity by the end of 1956. Quebec's installed capacity in horse power at Dec. 31, 1951, was 6,755,351.

On Bersimis River

The development is located on the 260-mile long Bersimis River, which flows northwest-southeast and empties into the St. Lawrence about 30 miles west of Bale Comeau, the pulp and paper center.

Plans include construction of a job site costing \$20,000,000, which eventually will become a permanent town in the still virgin territory, Premier Duplessis said.

Preliminary work has already begun on the project and when it is full swing some 1,500 men will be employed.

This project was announced by Mr. Duplessis a few months ago and involves laying submarine cables across the St. Lawrence River to the South Shore 40 miles away. From a power station at Les Boules, near the town of Rimouski, lines will bring electricity to all corners of Gaspé Peninsula.

No Details Before

However at the time of his previous announcement Mr. Duplessis did not give details of the cost or the planned horse power capacity. Technical details of the project still have not been released. But it will involve at least four years of work barring unforeseen difficulties Mr. Duplessis said.

The Bersimis was one of three rivers whose power potentials were leased to the Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission some months ago. The other two

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Mrs. E. Anderson Dies In Cornwall

Special To The Citizen

CORNWALL—Mrs. Eric Anderson, mother of George and Andy Anderson well known lacrosse players, died at Cornwall General Hospital Thursday night from a heart condition. She had been a patient there three weeks.

She was born in Oslo, Norway, and was in her 67th year. The family came here from Winnipeg 28 years ago. Mr. Anderson died Dec. 3, 1944. The two sons are her only survivors.

The body is at Meldrum's Funeral Home from where the funeral will be held on Monday morning to the Church of the Good Shepherd (Anglican) and Woodlawn Cemetery.

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G. Y. Andrussek

An employe at the asphalt plant of the City of Ottawa for 35 years George Ysaki Andrussek died yesterday at his home, 541 Rochester Street, following a lengthy illness. He was 71 years of age.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Andrussek, he was born and educated in Austria. He has resided in Ottawa since coming to Canada in 1910.

He was employed with the City of Ottawa until his retirement seven years ago.

For many years he was a devoted member of the Bukowina Greek Orthodox Church, Gladstone Avenue.

Surviving besides his wife, the former Ann Lesak, are three sons, John, Peter and Mike, all of Ottawa; two daughters, Mrs. Michael Danelak, and Miss Jean, both of Ottawa; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held from his late home on Monday at 8:30 a.m. to the Bukowina Greek Orthodox Church for service at

Native Of Masham

Mrs. U. Gagne Dies

A native of Masham, Que., Mrs. Ulric Adelard Gagne of 369 Athlone Avenue died Wednesday. She was 71.

The former Eugenie St. Germain, she was a daughter of the late Theodile St. Germain and his wife, the former Cecile Gagne.

Mrs. Gagne married Ulric A. Gagne in Ottawa 32 years ago. Her husband survives in addition to one other immediate relative, a brother, Napoleon St. Germain of Ottawa.

The body rested at the Emond Funeral Home, St. Joseph's Boulevard, Hull, from where the funeral was held today at 8.10 a.m. to St. Jeanne D'Arc Church, Ottawa, for requiem high mass at 8.30 o'clock. Burial was in Notre Dame Cemetery.

9 a.m. Rev. N. Komarnitzky will conduct the service. Interment will be in the Merivale Greek Orthodox Cemetery.

Mrs. M. Carriere

A resident of Ottawa for more than 60 years, Mrs. Magloire Carriere, of 119 Willow Street, passed away in a local hospital Friday following a short illness, at the age of 80.

The former Malvina Leduc, she was born in St. Jerome, Que., the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Maxime Leduc. She married Magloire Carriere in Ottawa, in 1893. He survives. She was a parishioner of St. Jean Baptiste Church.

Surviving in addition to her husband, are two sons, Albert, Ottawa, Arthur, Eastview, one daughter Miss Amanda Carriere, Ottawa, a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Doria Carriere, and a brother-in-law, Evariste Carriere, both of the Capital, 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

The body is resting at the W. J. Landreville Funeral Home, 578 Somerset Street West, for funeral Monday at 7.45 a.m. to St. Baptiste Church for requiem high mass at 8. Burial will be in Notre Dame Cemetery.

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