

E. Winslow-Spragge Paid Impressive Tribute at Almonte

ALMONTE, Feb. 24.—(Special)—Impressive tribute to one of Almonte's most outstanding citizens, Edward S. Winslow-Spragge, OBE, former vice-president, and general manager of Canadian Ingersoll Rand Company Limited, Montreal, was paid at his funeral service in St. Paul's Anglican Church.

The service was conducted by Rev. Llewellyn Graham. The benediction was pronounced by the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Evans, Bishop of Ontario, and a great friend of the family.

Mr. Winslow-Spragge, who had resided here for the past six years, died suddenly at his residence, "Old Burnside", on Sunday night in his 67th year.

A former chairman of Rosamond Memorial Hospital board, he had also served on the Parks Commission, and largely through his efforts the Lions' Community Centre project became a reality. He was very active in St. Paul's parish, having served as rector's warden.

He was originally named Edward Spragge Winslow but changed his name many years ago. He was a direct lineal descendant of Edward Winslow of the "Mayflower" company and later governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony whose correspondence was published as the "Winslow Papers".

Born in Montreal, Mr. Winslow-Spragge was the son of Edward Pelham Winslow, a prominent bank manager, and S. M. Alice Spragge. He was educated at Upper Canada College, Toronto, and graduated in mechanical engineering at McGill University in 1908.

He began his career with Robert W. Hunt and Company but had been associated with Canadian Ingersoll-Rand since 1909 in Toronto, Cobalt, Ont., Sherbrooke, Que., and Montreal.

During World War I he had an important part in munitions manufacture. Early in World War II ill health forced his retirement from his company but in 1943 he went to Ottawa as special negotiator for the financial adviser of the Department of Munitions and Supply.

For many years he had been an active member of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal. He was a life governor of the Montreal General Hospital and a member of the Engineering Institute of Canada, the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and of the following clubs: St. James's, University, Royal Montreal Golf and Canadian, Montreal, Rideau at Ottawa and St. George's, Sherbrooke, Que.

Prominent in the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, he went on the CMA tour to England in 1939.

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things from time to time. We take for granted the rule of law we live by, forgetting too often the spiritual values that give it strength.

Edward Winslow-Spragge, O.B.E. — 1953

A ONCE familiar figure in Montreal, son of a prominent Montreal family and for long associated with business and church life of the community, Edward Winslow-Spragge, O.B.E., died yesterday in Almonte.

Descendant of a pioneer New England family of which Edward Winslow, one of the "Mayflower" company and later governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony was one, Edward Winslow-Spragge was born in Montreal and for years as a young man was associated with Montreal business firms. But for more than 40 years he had been a member of the Canadian Ingersoll-Rand organization in different places in eastern Canada. In his years of Montreal residence he was deeply interested in the work of the Church of England in Canada and was a prominent member of the congregation of Christ Church Cathedral. During the first World War he was actively engaged in the production of munitions where his work resulted in a call to Ottawa as special negotiator for the financial adviser to the Department of Munitions and Supply.

Failing health forced his retirement from active work but he was not one to accept inactivity, either physical or mental, and in Almonte where his later years were spent he took an active interest in church and community life. He had many old friends in Montreal who will regret his death.

Wanna Bet?

YOU won't see anyone riding around the Red Square in a wheelbarrow today, or standing in the shadow of the Kremlin eating his hat. If anybody is paying off election bets in Moscow today he's doing it in private.

Stalin, the dispatches tell us, was yesterday elected unanimously to the

Miss Maysie Mac Sporrin

*1761 Cedar Avenue
Montreal, 25.*

✓ May 21.

April 18, 1953

Dear Anne,

It is very sad to hear of your Father's death, and I know a very large circle will feel his loss.

In your sorrow it must comfort you to think upon his career and to remember what a distinguished service he rendered his Country - it is for his

children and his grand-
children are inspiration.

Will you please
remember me to your
Mother, to Ruth, and
to Mary —

Sympathetically yours,
Maysie S. MacSpivean

1953

44 RUSSELL HILL ROAD
TORONTO

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Dear Anne,

Your Father's sudden and untimely death has been a great shock to everybody, and I know what a tremendous gap it will leave in your family circle. He was so interested in his children and grandchildren and took such interest and pride in their doings and accom-

popped in to see our new
house and was looking so
well I thought.

Love joins me in sending
you our deepest sympathy
and love,

affectionately,

Toan.

Toan Harrington

plishments.

I remember last summer
when he and your dear
mother dropped me for tea at
Lucis, one day, how tremen-
dously wide and varied were
his interests, and how much
he was enjoying his life
at Bluevale. It seems cruel
that all has been so abruptly
shattered, and Lou and I
want to you to know we
are thinking of you in
your great sorrow.

Only some weeks ago he

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My dear Anne,

I am so very sorry to hear of your Father's death. I know how very much you loved him and how close he was to all his children, taking such a keen and loving interest in their welfare and all their doings.

Through the years to come, you will look back with pleasure and gratitude to all the happy

can see much mercy in a sudden death - if one has to come.

You will all be comforted by the thought of the happiness and satisfaction you must have given him by being such credits to his care and training. I am sure that he was very proud of his family.

I do hope that you find a very good successor to Lorraine soon. Perhaps, then you and Donald could take a little holiday.

My very best love
Aunt Lily

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times, you had together and to all
the instances of his care and thought
- we always have our memories -
but, of course, it makes the parting
harder to bear and the sense of loss
more overwhelming.

I am glad that you had
the two year's holiday at Almonte
and it is nice to think that
Barbara and Gordie will always
remember him.

A sudden death is such a
dreadful shock to the family
but recently I have known of
so many lingering illnesses, with
no hope of improvement, that are
tragic to all concerned that I

Particularly nice
letters received at time
of my father's death

E. Winslow Sprague

A. V. Byers

1953

Very dear Anne -

How can I
thank you (or scold you)
for sending such a
lovely, lovely, arvon
full of flowers into
my room - a very
sore of Spring, with
the daffodils & tulips
& the darling fragrant
presias - They are so
very beautiful, I
am very touched

That you should have
time, to even think
of me, & the previous
disappointment it
was not to have been
able to be with you
all, so lovingly gathered
together, for that
last farewell to
your father, who
goes back in our
lives, to the very be-
ginning of things - I
have thought much

of you ~~all~~ his children
+ what a break it
is in your lives,
a father is so
foundational, a
rock on which to
lean - + no one
can ever quite fill
the gap when he
goes - How
much there is to
be thankful about,
no suffering at the
end - God just took

him - & the dear
mother so faithful
to him through the
years - at his side -
But I send you
deep & loving sympathy
Across dear - I do
know a little of what
it means to you -
I will see you before
long -

Ever so much
love from

Aunt Clara

Saturday - 3492 Peel

Aunt dear -

Dr. Byers and I are thinking of you constantly during these sad days, and we are sharing in your loss. The world can ill afford to lose citizens like your father; examples of integrity and conscientiousness and friendly co-operation. We had been looking forward to a visit from him and your mother in the late spring.

Our best love from us both,
Ever affectionately,
"Mrs. B."

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4339 WESTMOUNT AVENUE

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March 1, 1953.

Dear Anne—

It's hard to find words to tell you how grieved and saddened I was when I heard last week's tragic news. Your father meant something very special to me, as I think you know. No words of mine could ever describe his gentleness and his goodness, but I

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squate, needs no reply. Please
don't bother. I just wanted to tell
you how much you are all in my
thoughts, and to send my love —

Barbara —

Barbara Whitley
dear friends & neighbors

know that the memory of those qualities in him will always be in my heart.

It was a privilege to have known him, and I do want to send you my special and most heartfelt sympathy. Having known him, I have some idea of the sense of loss and loneliness you must all be feeling.

I am so very sorry, Gene!

Now, this little note - all too inad-

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The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul

3415 REDPATH STREET
MONTREAL

February 25th, 1953.

Dear Anne,

It was ^{so} ^{surprised} to learn that your Father had died so suddenly ^{at his home} in ^{Almonte}. This death has ^{been} ^{cruel} a cruel ^{blow} blow to you, to your Mother, and to the other members of your family. I realize that words are ^{poor} ^{hard} ^{to} ^{find} ^{at} ^{such} ^a ^{time} ^{as} ^{this}, but I do want you to know that my ^{deep} ^{heart} ^{and} ^{sympathy} goes out to you.

In the midst of your sorrow, I know that you will find comfort in the remembrance of many things. There is comfort in the thought that your Father was ^{universally} ^{esteemed} ^{and} ^{admired} ^{by} ^{all} ^a ^{down} ^{by} ^{all} ^{who} ^{knew} ^{him} ⁱⁿ ^{this} ^{city}. There is comfort, too, in the ^{recollections} ^{that} ^{he} ^{came} ^{from} ^{an} ^{ancient} ^{and} ^{historic} ^{name}. There is comfort in the realization that, ^{after} ^a ^{busy} ^{and} ^{honourable} ^{public} ^{career}, he did enjoy a short retirement in a charming Ontario town. And there is special comfort in the ^{knowledge} ^{that} ^{he} ^{believed} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{deep} ^{things} ^{of} ^{the} ^{spirit} that he believed in the deep spirit.

and that for him, a ^{spiritual} man, death was not a ^{terminus} to ^{life}, but rather a ^{threshold} to another ^{life}.

There was in your father some-thing which death could not ^{destroy}. And that ^{ETERNAL} eternal spirit within him now lives on, from

within the veil, ^{all} ^{that} ^{you} ^{loved} ^{him} reaches out to ^{bless} you still. May ^{these}

thoughts give you peace and ^{heart} ease in these difficult days of ^{re-adjustment}.

I remember meeting your father and mother at one of the Christmas jobs, ^{and} I know how ^{PROUD} proud and happy they ^{were} were in your life with Donald, - and in the happiness of your home and family.

I regret very much that I am not able to call on you personally at this time, but I have caught a ^{cold} severe cold, and must stay in bed for a bit.

Please believe, however, that you and Donald are much in my thoughts and prayers. May the Father of ^{all} ^{love} all comfort ^{bring} bring you this love and tenderness at this time, - and may your love be the ^{hand} / ^{that} whose ^{meads} meads are stayed on them.

Your sincere friend,
Rod Burtis

Rev. Rod Burtis
Vice-minister of St. Andrew's & St. Paul's Church

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Town Loses Public Spirited Citizen In Death of E. S. Winslow-Spragge

Funeral services were held in St. Paul's Church and in the parish cemetery, Tuesday afternoon, for Edward S. Winslow-Spragge who died suddenly of a heart ailment at his home "Old Burnside" on Sunday night, in his 67th year.

Mr. Winslow-Spragge was born in Montreal, Nov. 23rd, 1886, a son of the late Edward Pelham Winslow and his wife, S. M. Alice Spragge. His father was moved to Almonte as manager of the local branch of the Bank of Montreal when Edward was a young boy. He went to school here for a time and later attended Upper Canada College, Toronto, and McGill University from which he graduated in 1908 as a mechanical engineer.

While a young man he appended the name Spragge, from the maternal side of his family, to his surname and became known as Winslow-Spragge.

He was a direct lineal descendant of Edward Winslow of the "Mayflower" company and later governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony whose correspondence was published as the "Winslow Papers."

Mr. Winslow-Spragge began his business and professional career with the Robert W. Hunt Company and in 1909 became associated with Canadian Ingersoll-Rand in Toronto, Cobalt, Sherbrooke and Montreal.

He became vice-president and general manager of this corporation and when ill health forced his retirement from these offices soon after the outbreak of World War II, he continued as a director.

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facture and again in the Second World War he served his country as special negotiator for the financial adviser to the Department of Munitions and Supply. He was eventually awarded the O.B.E. in recognition of his services.

For many years he had been an active member of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal. He was a life governor of the Montreal General Hospital and a member of the Engineering Institute of Canada, the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and of the following clubs: St. James', University, Royal Montreal Golf and Canadian, Montreal, Rideau at Ottawa and St. George's, Sherbrooke, Que.

Prominent in the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, he went on the C.M.A. tour to England in 1939.

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Mr. and Mrs. Winslow-Spragge came to Almonte to reside in 1948 when he purchased the fine property known as "Old Burnside" from Mrs. J. Mackintosh Bell. Although he left the city with the idea of seeking that more leisurely existence that rural places are supposed to offer, Mr. Winslow-Spragge took an active interest in all good local causes and move-

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The following article from the Huntingdon Gleaner gives a sketch of Mr. Francois Cleyn, Vice-President of Textile Sales Ltd., in charge of manufacturing for all the associated plants of which the Rosamond Woolen Co. is one:

Francois Cleyn, chairman of the "Old Home Week" committee, which event marks the 125th year of Huntingdon, is one of marked ability as an industrialist and for furthering community welfare projects.

Mr. Cleyn came to Huntingdon in 1939 and in the interval of eleven years he is perhaps better known and more highly appraised by those who know him than many people who have lived here a lifetime. Full of energy, a marked degree of acumen, keenly interested in sports, and in the avenues of his business profession is one of America's outstanding authorities in respect to the spinning of textile yarns and worsted manufacturing.

Community Interests

Irrespective of the busy life he leads in the textile business in Huntingdon, as president of Spinners Limited, managing director of Leach Textiles Limited and vice-president of Model Dye Works (Canada) Limited, he still finds time to accomplish a tremendous amount toward other community activities. Five years ago, his father, Victor Cleyn of Montreal, felt Huntingdon needed a service club and as he was a past Rotary president in Europe, he in turn urged the Montreal Club to foster a club in Huntingdon. Undoubtedly, it was Francois Cleyn who gave Rotary the necessary local push to make Rotary a reality. Gilbert McMillan was named the first Rotary Club president in Huntingdon, and was followed by Francois Cleyn. The amount of energy these two pioneer presidents fostered in the Huntingdon

Rotary Club made it an organization that is looked upon as a club that accomplishes much for the welfare of this community. Mr. Cleyn not only gives generously of his ability and time but sees to it that finances are becomingly maintained. At the present time he is president of the Huntingdon Board of Trade and is an executive governor of the Huntingdon County Hospital.

Born In Budapest

Francois Cleyn was born in Budapest, Oct. 3, 1912, educated in Neuchatel, Switzerland, where he matriculated with the degree of Doctor of Economics at the University of Neuchatel. He furthered his textile education through attending the Technical College, Bradford, Eng.

His apprenticeship was served in Tourcoing, France, and Verviers, Belgium. For seven years he was employed by La Vresdre as section hand overseer and superintendent. This firm is regarded as one of the largest continental combers and spinners.

Since coming to Canada he contributed several articles to the Textile World magazine and was duly named the consulting editor of the publication.

Francois is but 38 years of age and has already achieved much and with his dynamic personality and ability it can be taken for granted that he will yet accomplish much for the welfare of his business, community and personal welfare. He is a most approachable young business man and is highly regarded by all his employees and friends. His academic and personal background is such that one cannot help but visualize his making many more forward strides, all of which will in turn be shared by those who work with him and live in this community.

Duty Of The State

(By Joseph Lister Rutledge)

Down through the ages able men have been pointing out that public welfare and public happiness are in inverse ratio to the amount of government needed or permitted—the more government, the less happiness. Yet people and govern-

of what others might be doing in the same direction. So with police and fire protection, and with schools. The benefits assured by these various services are equal to all and extend to all the community.

TOWN LOSES

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ments. He was one of the prime movers in securing the new community centre with its skating rink, and it is doubtful if the venture would have succeeded without his drive and organizing ability. He served as a director of the Rosamond Memorial Hospital; chairman of the Civic Improvement and Community Betterment Committee of the Lions Club; director of the Almonte Chamber of Commerce; member of the Town Parks Commission and was greatly interested in the welfare of St. Paul's Anglican Church, being the rector's warden at the time of his death.

The funeral on Tuesday afternoon was largely attended. Service at St. Paul's Church was conducted by Rev. Llewellyn Graham and prayers were said in the church and at the graveside by Rt. Rev. Kenneth Evans of Kingston, Bishop of Ontario, a personal friend of the family.

Honorary pallbearers were Flt.-Lt. Terrance Winslow and J. M. Mercer; active pallbearers were four sons-in-law: Gustave Simons, Duncan Duclos, Frank Cobbett, Donald Byers and Adrian Duguid and Paul Winslow.

There were many friends in attendance at the funeral from Ottawa, Montreal and other distant points.

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have had severe colds, which weakens their efficiency. Perhaps the banana belt weather just doesn't suit people accustomed to a normal winter.

RECKLESS MONEY

(Joseph Lister Rutledge)

When money comes easily, when it piles up into huge surpluses, the normal restraints—the need to make ends meet—quickly disappear. The Teamsters Union of the AFL reports a present treasury of \$26 million, which it plans to build up to \$50 million. The United Mine Workers have a treasury of \$34 million and plan to make it \$8 million more. Before the members too readily accept these plans, that will mean a very definite cost to themselves, they

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Founder of clubs dead at 90

Funeral services were held last week for Lois S. Winslow-Spragge, wife of the late Edward Winslow-Spragge OBE, who died in Almonte, Ont. on March 22. She was 90.

Mrs. Winslow-Spragge was active in the community affairs of Montreal in the early part of the century. She helped found the Boy's Club in Griffintown, and the Girl's Club on Wellington St.

She was also active in the Canadian Handicrafts Guild, as chairman of the Pottery Division of the Quebec provincial branch of the Guild. In 1848, she organized the First Canadian Pottery Exhibit, which displayed the art of Montreal potters.

A recent exhibit of Mrs. Winslow-Spragge's own works, which included four rock-art paintings depicting the eras of the earth's geological formation, was displayed at the 24th International Geological Congress in 1972.

Mrs. Winslow-Sprague is survived by four daughters, one son and 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Sept 26 / 1946

FINAL TRIBUTE PAID TO E. P. WINSLOW

Many Attend Funeral of Former Bank of Mont- real Official

Representatives from the Bank of Montreal and friends who had known him in private life paid their last respects to Edward Pelham Winslow whose funeral service took place at Christ Church Cathedral yesterday. Mr. Winslow, a direct descendant of Edward Winslow, a Mayflower pilgrim and first governor of the Plymouth Colony, was connected with the Bank of Montreal for 48 years prior to the time of his retirement in 1922. He died Sunday at his residence in the Chateau Apartments, Sherbrooke street west.

The Very Rev. K. C. Evans, dean and rector of the cathedral, conducted the service.

The chief mourners were Mrs. Winslow, the former Alice Spragge, daughter of the late William Spragge, deputy Superintendent of the Dominion Government Indian Affairs department; four sons, Terence Hansard and Edward Winslow-Spragge, of Montreal; K. Molson Winslow and Hugh Pelham Winslow, of Toronto; and a daughter, Mrs. A. Fortescue Duguid, of Ottawa.

Those present included Walter Molson, Alex Paterson, Mrs. W. de M. Marler, Miss Jean Bovey, Mrs. Jackson Dodds, Dr. and Mrs. Colin Russel, F. G. Wood, F. G. Belcher, A. J. L. Haskell, Arthur Barry, B. C. Gardner, Mrs. A. Hay, H. W. Molson, A. S. Maxwell, W. F. Struthers, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Reford, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Glassco, Mrs. W. Copeland Finley, Miss Ronzo Clerk, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Stephenson, Gordon Howard, J. H. Pangman, A. Browning, J. S. Bolton, Archibald Hashaw, R. L. Bailey, J. F. Graham, C. F. Harrington, Gerald Henshaw, W. H. Burritt, Edward Pope, Lt.-Col. Gault McCombe and L. W. Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Salt Durnford, Miss E. Kerry, Mrs. John Molson, Mr. and Mrs. William Sutherland, F. S. Molson, Mrs. I. McTavish, J. Aberdeen, A. C. McCorkie, S. C. Norseworthy, G. W. S. Henderson, Miss M. Phair, Mrs. W. Clements, W. M. Kirkpatrick, W. Harty, T. H. P. Molson, D. M. Cleland, Harold Brooks, Huntley Drummond, Mrs. O. R. Armstrong, Mrs. H. J. Stewart, Mrs. E. M. Connors, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stavert, Lady Stavert, Mrs. A. Rosamond, Admiral and Mrs. F. E. Thouroude, T. B. Heneyke, O. N. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Robin, Miss E. B. Molson, Miss L. Butcher, L. E. McMeans, C. C. Hoyt, J. G. Campbell, I. Ross, H. J. Hague, K.C., Mrs. J. Ford-Jones, Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, Eric Ford-Jones, H. M. MacCallum, G. T. Bogert, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Cobbett, E. C. Dean, Raphael McPherson, Dr. Keith Gordon, Dr. H. T. Henderson, F. L. MacGachen, Gerald Jones, N. M. Campbell, Col. A. F. Duguid, G. W. Spinney, George C. McDonald.

New Members Named To Education Council

(By Gazette Staff Correspondent)

Fate of Petition To Be Revealed

Justices Philippe Demers and Louis Loranger will decide today whether and when a petition by the Citizens' Vigilance League shall be received officially by two judges of the Superior Court asking for a judicial investigation into the administration of the Montreal Police Department.

Yesterday afternoon copy of a petition in the above sense was informally submitted by Jean Penverne, K.C., to Mr. Justice Demers, who is acting as chief justice in the absence of Chief Justice W. L.

QUESTION OF JUDGE FOR PROBE ARISES

Superior Court Hard Hit by Illness, War Trials

In the event of a decision by Justices Demers and Loranger favorable to granting a petition for a judicial inquiry into the administration of the City Police Department, some difficulty may be experienced in finding a judge of the Superior Court of the Judicial District of Montreal available to conduct the investigation.

After the first petition for a probe was presented to Chief Justice Bond last January, His Lordship pointed out that, due to illness among the judges and a vacancy created by the death of Mr. Justice Curran, nomination of an investigation judge might be a problem. Since then, the Curran vacancy has been filled, but Chief Justice Bond himself has become an invalid. Mr. Justice Alphonse Decary is confined to his home by illness. Mr. Justice Charles Duclos, due to indisposition, has not been able to hold regular court sittings since the September term opened, and Mr. Justice Gordon Mackinnon has been called upon to sit as a judge ad hoc in the Court of Appeal owing to paucity of judges in that division of the Court of King's Bench. Mr. Justice Errol McDougall being absent due to illness and Mr. Justice Stuart McDougall being engaged on the Bench of judges trying war criminals in Japan.

In the emergency, it has been suggested that Chief Justice Sevigny, of the Superior Court of Quebec, might be asked to name one of his judges to conduct the police probe if the petition of the Citizens' Vigilance League is granted by Justices Demers and Loranger. Already the services of Justice Dalmy, of Sherbrooke, and of Mr. Justice Fortier of Three Rivers have been called upon to adjudicate in Montreal, and yesterday Mr. Justice Gibsone, of Quebec, sat in Superior Court to adjudicate in the case of Witnesses of Jehovah who are contesting the validity of Montreal and Verdun municipal bylaws which they are accused of violating.

Lois Winslow-Spragge

April 12, 1978

A further page in the history of the university was quietly turned recently with the passing of Lois Winslow-Spragge, who began life as Lois Sybil Harrington in 1889. Her father was Bernard Harrington, Professor of Chemistry, and her mother was Anna Dawson, the daughter of the Principal, Sir William. Thus Mrs Winslow-Spragge was a direct link with her grandfather, whom she remembered very clearly, and with her uncle George Mercer Dawson, the geologist, and of course her father who played an extremely important role in the development of science at McGill.

The University has a special reason to be grateful to Lois Winslow-Spragge because she had a great sense of history. She gathered family papers and memorabilia and preserved them carefully until in due time she presented them to the University Archives. The rich variety of the Dawson family holdings now possessed by McGill, owes much to her care and interest. Those papers constitute an outstanding, in many ways unique, resource for the social

historian of Canada, quite apart from the history of McGill, and that resource will increase in value as the years pass.

Lois Winslow-Spragge was a remarkable woman in her own right. Brought up in the tradition of christian social service, she helped with the founding of the Boys' Club in Griffintown, which led to the Shaw-bridge Boys' Farm, and the Girls' Club on Wellington Street, where she was successful in organizing a children's Dental Clinic, and she was active in many other community developments. Her own skills were in artistic expression, and after schooling in the Trafalgar Institute and McGill University she taught drawing and painting. Later she became deeply interested in pottery and as late as 1972 several of her 'rock-art paintings' were displayed at the 24th International Geological Congress. The University has lost a good friend, but we are grateful that a great deal of what Lois Winslow-Spragge achieved has passed permanently into the history of McGill and Montreal.

Dr S.B. Frost

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my mother's death
(L. Dis Winslow-Sprague)

Anne Byers.

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March 30th/

Dear Anne -

You were so good to telephone Mother last week, to give her your unhappy news and, as you can imagine, I join her in sending you my heartfelt sympathy.

I'm afraid it is the sad compensation for having lived so lovingly close to that unique and memorable person that these weeks without her will seem the more bleak and sorrow-filled for you and I'm so

sorry, Anne.

But I hope you'll find some consolation in the fact that your mother left a wonderful legacy - for you and for all your friends. I don't mean only the tangible evidence of her great talent but the rich memories - of her serenity and warmth - the lovely mixture of calmness and merriment one always met in her - the influence of her taste and judgment - the uprightness of her life and the uprightness she expected of others - they tumble one after another, these good memories I will certainly never lose and, like all your friends, I feel

fortunate to have known your mother.

Please don't reply to this, Ruth. It
just comes to bring you and Donald
and all your family my love and my
renewed sympathy.

Barbara.

(Whitley)

✓ Apr. 17 -

556 LANSDOWNE AVENUE
WESTMOUNT, QUEBEC

March 28th

Dear Anne,

The death of your darling
mother leaves a tremendous
void and sadness in the
Harrington family circles, of
which she was such a
'Star' for her long and
productive life - Her great
thoughtfulness of others, and
sympathetic concern for
all ages and stages, made
her a happy person to be
with and a wise counsellor
to listen to whenever the
opportunity to share her
sound principles and
advice arose - She did not
force her opinions, but rather

Tossed them out as flowers to
be picked as desired by her
friends.

Her great talent in the
many facets of the arts only
seemed to buoy her up, and
her courage in these last
months has been truly remark-
able, and a great example to
all of us - She was loved
by many and will be
sadly missed by friends
and associates in every
walk of life.

No matter how well prepared
we are, we all have really
ready to part with a much
loved mother and I know full
well how empty everything
is for you at this time.
It will be difficult at first,

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but the wonderful memories
and ~~amusing~~ incidents that
you have of her, and her
warm and happy nature
will soon shine through and
uphold your spirit -

Con and I were sorry our
plans which had been made
weeks ago, and entailed
some complicated manoeuvres
between New York - Philadelphia -
and Harrisburg, Pa. made it
difficult to be with you at
the service on Thursday or
Saturday - we were thinking
of you and send our best
loving sympathy to you all -
I kept the sweet note she
wrote us very recently and
have just re-read it - so
thoughtful and kind - a

great Lady and we'll miss
her _____

as always,
Joan.

C. F. HARRINGTON
630 DORCHESTER BLVD. WEST
MONTREAL

Sunday.

Dear Aune,

I know how much you have had on your mind and in your heart for some months past, and so I don't apologise for not writing sooner. We have all admired the courage and affection with which you watched over your beloved mother during a harrowing illness from which there was really no hope of a good recovery at any time. It seems to me you gave your family great leadership, and this is not to belittle in any way all the care and devotion shown by all of you during such sad days.

Aunt Lois was a truly remarkable and unusual woman, who reflected all the talents of her distinguished ancestors, but added on many characteristics of her own - particularly a charm, a gaiety, an imagination and a love of brightness and laughter which, as far as I know, were not always very noticeable in earlier times, and which indeed are found in very few people at any time, more's the pity!

When we realize that not only did she raise and educate a large family, while sharing the life of a busy husband, but she also looked after several houses, helped less fortunate relatives and friends, had her fair share of sadness, but also found time for

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much constructive and gifted painting, pottery, writing, research, gardening, music, and God knows what else, one understands why so many people have been concerned and saddened by her death. Even I have had many calls from people in various walks of life - but especially McGill, which is natural - so I can well imagine that you must have been inundated with sympathy in every form it can take.

The world, and especially the world she made for herself by her hard work and dedication, will miss her very much, but we should all be comforted and indeed pleased to realize that she was among us for 90 years, and shared her gifts and love most generously.

I think I've said what I wanted to try to convey to you, from a full heart. It is good to realize all her sufferings and discomfort are ended, and very likely she is now busily engaged in organizing a new pottery school or something equally worth-while and entertaining, in Paradise!

With my heartfelt sympathy to you all,

Yr. affectionate cousin,

Con.

Ans. Am.7.



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23 March 1978

Mrs. Donald Byers
562 Grosvenor Avenue
Westmount, Quebec
H3Y 2S7

Dear Mrs. Byers:

I have heard with a deep sense of regret the news of the passing of your Mother, Mrs. Winslow-Spragge and I write to express on behalf of myself and of many colleagues in the University our sympathy at a time which, however much expected, nevertheless always comes with a sense of loss and deprivation.

We respect your Mother's memory because she had such a sense of the continuity with the past and for the way in which she preserved that past. In her desire to ensure its conservation for future generations, she made her own very special contribution to McGill. Those of us who knew her will always be grateful for her memory and a great deal of what she was and loved will continue in the history of the University in which she took so great an interest.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul B. Frost".

Dr. S.B. Frost
Director

SBF:sb

One of my most poignant memories of my Mother happened a day or two before she died. I was leaning over her bed stroking her hand. I said, " Mum, you are so wonderful the way you are coping with your illness. We are all so proud of you.

Her face lit up and she smiled, " Are you really proud of me?" she said in an almost childlike way.

She seemed so much to need that aproval, that praise that recognition. I could not help but wonder if she had craved for years to hear those very words of praise and approval for all the many efforts she had made on behalf of her children and her family. I wished I had told her of my gratitude and my pride in her achievements a thousand times before.

How sad it is that so many people seldom know how much they mean to others or how much they are appreciated and loved by their families and friends.

Anne W-S Byers.

1978

For six months I have slept alone in this little house, waking up each morning to unbroken silence in an empty vacuum where no voice is heard and quietude prevails - but in spite of this, there has been through my loneliness a certain peace, a feeling that a spiritual warmth is present which surrounds me, and gives me courage to rise from my aloneness - as I go out into the morning this spirit is there in the beauty of flowers, the hum of bees, the song of the birds and in the tall silent trees and the deep flowing river... Thus it seems that over all the aching hearts there is a great unseen love that overshadows grief... So let us look upwards and gather in this love and pass it on to others!

L.W-S/1960

Found among my Mother's papers. This was probably written in Almonte several ^{years.} ~~months~~ after my Father's death.

Anne Byers

September 1992

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L. W. S. / 60.

Found among my mother's papers —

A. V. B.

Snow from roof.

I just got in to No. 2
the first house in the Court
When down it came with thunderous roar
and cannon-like report!
I held my breath while shivers ran
right up and down my frame
For if this mass had hit me
I'd ne'er have been the same!

P.W.S

1978

DATE

NAME

ADDRESS

Before Easter Sunday - She died as she had lived, courageously and gently and surrounded by an enormous number of people who loved her deeply - She had consented to an operation by Dr. Tse at the Ottawa Civic in an effort to prolong her life, and in her 90th year struggled manfully to string out the life she loved so well. She had touched so many lives with her knowledge, encouragement and support that nephews, nieces and friends travelled scores of miles to bid her farewell.

Ruth Cobbett.

Written on the last page of
my Mother's guest book -

A.B.