

### **Mr. George A. Eoll (1874 – 23 Dec. 1968)**

George Eoll was a long time community leader and pioneer in Fort William. Born at Bristol, England in 1874 he immigrated with his family to Canada in 1888 at the age of 14. In 1902 at the age of 28, George Eoll moved to Fort William to join his brothers where he worked in insurance and real estate. In 1912 he began his first term as city alderman. The Fort William *Daily Times* said that Eoll “was a strong organizer and administrator of many organizations, both for community service and political campaigns.” Over and above sitting on city council, he was also campaign secretary of the Red Cross for 22 years, volunteered with the Salvation Army and Canadian Cancer Society, and served victory loan and community chest drives. During World War One, George Eoll was registrar for ‘alien enemies’ in Fort William. On 23 December, 1968 Fort William lost a prominent citizen when Mr. Eoll passed away two days before his 94<sup>th</sup> year.

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"For Registration of Alien Enemies in the Two Cities." *Daily News* (Port Arthur, ON), November 30, 1914.

# FOR REGISTRATION OF ALIEN ENEMIES IN THE TWO CITIES

OFFICES HAVE BEEN OPENED IN  
EITHER PLACE WITH A CLERK  
AND AN INTERPRETER IN  
CHARGE

ALL GERMANS, AUSTRIANS, HUN-  
GARIANS AND TURKS, NATUR-  
ALIZED OR NOT, ARE CALLED  
TO REGISTER

Offices for the registration of alien enemies have been opened in Port Arthur and Fort William, under the supervision of Mr. J. M. McGovern.

All residents of the two cities born in Germany, Austria, Hungary or Turkey, are required to register, whether naturalized or not.

Considerable latitude is allowed the registrar and his clerks in the matter of regulations to be imposed upon those who register. Persons who have been in the country long and have shown themselves peaceful and law-abiding, will not have to do more than register. Others may be called upon to report once each month or if they show an inclination to be troublesome are liable to be arrested and turned over to the military authorities. Those in needy circumstances may be taken care of by the government.

Mr. A. L. McEwan is in charge of the Port Arthur registration office which is over the Wells & Emmerson hardware store. He has, as an assistant, an interpreter who can converse in seven languages, named W. Colcheski, who is by birth an Austrian. Mr. George A. Koll is in charge of the office at Fort William.

# City Pioneer, G. A. Eoll Dies

George Eoll, former city alderman and long time community leader in Fort William died in hospital Monday evening following a long illness.

He would have been 94 years old on Christmas Day.

For 66 of those years, Mr. Eoll lived and worked in Fort William taking a leading role in many community programs.

He was born at Bristol, England, in 1874, where he received his education and emigrated to Canada in 1888 when he was 14 years old. He worked on various farms in southern Ontario before coming to Fort William to join his brothers in 1902.

Prior to the First World War he worked in insurance and real

estate, but in 1912, his concern for the city drove him to seek his first term as a city alder-

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man. During his first term of office, in 1913, he was among 40 Fort William officials who took an historic trip as guests of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway to Tete Jaune in the Rockies, known then as the "End of Steel."

Mr. Eoll was elected to city council again in the 1940's and completed his last term as alderman in 1953.

He was very interested in development of this area and worked continually to bring new industry to the city. Mr. Eoll also served a term as member of Fort William School Board.

He was a strong organizer and administrator of many organizations, both for community service and political campaigns.

He served on the Victory Loans.

He was campaign secretary of the Red Cross for 22 years and a long time worker for the Salvation Army and the Canadian Cancer Society. He also served on many victory loan and community chest drives.

For most of his life here, Mr. Eoll and his family lived at 339 North Marks St., but in his last years, Mr. Eoll moved to 2636 Begin Place. He was married at Listowel in 1909 to the former Margaret Ellen Torrance. He was a member of Wesley United Church.

Surviving is his wife at 1408 Arthur Street; son Kenneth of Atikokan; two daughters, Doris, Mrs. Robert Wilkins, Boss Mountain, B.C.; Freda, Mrs. Robert Harrington, Lacombe, Alberta; 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He was the last member of his family of 12.