

MR. M. J. O'BRIEN

SKETCH OF HIS LIFE AND ACTIVITIES

The following sketch of the business career of Mr. M. J. O'Brien is taken from the Renfrew Mercury. As Mr. O'Brien is also connected with the Deloro Mining and Reduction Company it should prove of interest to many of our readers. It is also another evidence of the standing and importance of this company.

In the quiet little community of Lochaber, in Antigonish county, Nova Scotia on Sept. 12, 1851, M. J. O'Brien was born. His parents were not wealthy; and his school days ended when he was 14 years of age. At that period he began at the bottom of the ladder in that line of life—which, in spite of occasional adverse currents, might almost be said to have been the happiness of his life—railway construction. It was in a minor capacity he entered service on the building of the Intercolonial Railway. Step by step he rose his genial personality always giving him a hold on his comrades, and, later, on the men under him,—till he became foreman, then sub-contractor, then contractor. His first essay as a railway contractor was on what is known as the North Shore of the C. P. R.—between Montreal & Ottawa,—in partnership with the late William Chisholm. His second contract was as a member of the firm of Chisholm, McDonald and O'Brien, in building the Kingston and Pembroke Railway. This was a happy venture for him and for Renfrew. For it provided him with his good partner in life. And it provided Renfrew with the citizen who in after days was to become its "Fairy Godfather." At Calabogie, on the shores of the pretty little lake of that name, he met Miss Jennie Barry, daughter of one of the kindly old prim pioneers of that district, to whom he was married just a little more than a quarter of a century ago. And shortly afterwards he made Renfrew his home. From time to time, as he made profit in his contracts, he invested in Renfrew property, built houses that rented at a moderate prices, and though of necessity much away from home from the nature of his business, took a hearty interest in any movement that promised development for his home town.

During these years he was building what was known as the Northern and Pacific Junction, in the Nipissing district, in partnership with John Kennedy; the Baie des Chaleur Railway—in partnership with R. L. McDonald, Jas. Rogers and Geo. H. Taylor; the Central Counties Railway—in the Hawkesbury district—in partnership with Frank Hibbet. C. E.; had a slight connection with a contract in the Crow's Nest; and as the sole contractor built part of the Midland Railway, from Truro to Windsor in Nova Scotia; the Richmond and Inverness Railway in partnership with L. Sutherland; part of the Halifax and Southwestern line in Nova Scotia from Barrington east fifty miles, in company with Z. J. Fowler, C. E.; and his brother, J. B. O'Brien; the La Tuque branch of the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway, in partnership with Mr. Fowler; and at the same time had under construction with Mr. J. P. Mullarky 120 miles of the Canadian Northern in Quebec and 50 miles of the Quebec, Montreal and Southern. And now in company with others he has an interest of \$15,000,000 worth of contracts on the Transcontinental Railway, 371 miles of it in Quebec: in company with Mr. A. R. Macdonell; and 200 miles in the Fort William district, in company with Fowler and McDougall Brothers, (the latter former Renfrew boys.)

But his interests are not confined to railway construction.

Some years ago he purchased at what staid lumbermen thought were insane prices, 1,125 square miles of timber limits in Quebec province. The Transcontinental now will go somewhere near them, and their value will be great as the years go on. In both Alberta and Saskatchewan he has farming interests, and a block in the town of Strome, Alberta.

Chosen one of the first Commissioners for the building of Ontario's provincial railway—the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario, he early became acquainted with the possibilities in that region. Always open for a speculation, when offered a share in a mining discovery by Mr. J. B. O'Brien, a Toronto lawyer, he took it—and became the four-fifths owner of the O'Brien mine, which last year paid royalty to Ontario Government of a very large amount.

And now a list of his mining possessions read like a romance.

Besides this O'Brien mine he possesses interests in several other properties in the Cobalt Lake zone.

He is also deeply interested in Gow Ganda having one mine in company with Hon. Clifford Sifton, one alone, and one with others.

At Sudbury he has a quarter-interest in a nickel property which is said to be one of the richest propositions in the world—worth \$50,000,000 at least. (John R. Booth, Ottawa's veteran lumberman also holds a quarter-interest in this.)

He owns mines or lands of precious stones in Renfrew County and Frontenac.

He has interest in mica mines in the Gatineau Valley and Du Lievre, and graphite mines in Renfrew county; as well as interest in the soda-lime or the beautiful blue marble mines of Hastings county.

Down in Nova Scotia he has a gold mine, from which he is sending \$1,200 bricks to the Royal Mint at Ottawa.

Down in Mexico he has copper mines which it is said he believes are greater wealth producers than any property he owns.

He has a Scale factory in Arnprior, a nut and wrench factory in Montreal; and interests in the mills, factories and the power projects of Renfrew.

Mr. O'Brien has a family of three sons and four daughters. All but the eldest son, J. Ambrose, are at school yet. So far, Ambrose has escaped the pitfalls of the rich man's son—the tongue of a flatterer. He is pursuing a quiet even way enjoying life, but attending to business as a partner in a Transcontinental railway construction sub-contract. Father mother and children wear their prosperity worthily—with

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MARRIED

O'BRIEN—PERRY

A quiet wedding took place at the United Church parsonage on Wednesday evening, February 25th, Rev. H. L. Morrison officiating, when Kathleen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Perry, Cloyne, was married to William O'Brien, son of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien, Marmora. Following a short wedding trip the young couple will reside in Marmora.—Tweed News.

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WILLIAM O'BRIEN

William O'Brien, a well-known resident of Cloyne district, was fatally injured by a falling tree on March 19th and died shortly after being admitted to Belleville General Hospital.

Twenty-six years of age, the deceased was born in Marmora and was the son of Mrs. Caroline O'Brien and the late John O'Brien. Since coming to Cloyne nine years ago, he married Kathleen Perry in 1942, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Perry and since then has lived in Cloyne. For the past four years he has been employed as truck-driver for the Sawyer-Stoll Lumber Company. He leaves to mourn, his sorrowing wife and three children, Harold, Norman and Gwen, also his mother, two sisters and three brothers.

On March 22nd at 2 p.m. in Cloyne United Church, Mr. McAllister conducted a very impressive service during which the choir sang a beautiful number, "In The Garden." The body was laid to rest in Northbrook Cemetery. The pall bearers were Ernest Jackson, Bernard Inwood, John Head, Ted Snider, Clarence Bishop and Johnnie Bishop.

The large attendance at the funeral and the many floral tributes indicated the high esteem in which the deceased was held.—Tweed News.

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MRS. MARGARET BURKE

The death occurred in St. Joseph's Hospital, Peterboro, on Thursday, October 24th, of Mrs. Margaret Burke, widow of the late William Burke of Deloro. The deceased had been in failing health for the past two years and had been in the hospital for three months on the last occasion besides for a four month period earlier in this year. Native of Marmora Township, she passed away in the fifty-fifth year of her age. She was of a quiet nature and was well respected in this community as well as in Port Colborne, where she and her husband lived for awhile and where four of her six sons were born. Her husband predeceased her thirteen years ago. When health permitted, she was a faithful attendant at the Sacred Heart Church. She was a good knitter and even during her illness, aided the work of the Deloro branch of the Red Cross.

She is survived by six sons: William Marmora; Martin, Toronto; Edward, Peterborough; Patrick, Deloro; Michael Peterboro and Joseph, Deloro. She is further survived by her mother Mrs. John O'Brien, Marmora; two sisters, Mrs. Edward Glenfield, (Rachel) Toronto; and Mrs. George Dyers (Mildred), Belleville; three brothers, Henry, George and James Empey, all of Marmora, and one half brother William O'Brien, Cloyne. Requiem Mass was held at the Sacred Heart Church, Marmora, on Saturday October 26th at 10 a.m. with Rev. Father H. J. Farrell, officiating. Interment followed in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

The pall bearers were four sons of the deceased, Martin, Edward, Patrick and Michael Burke and Patrick Bertrand and Leo Doyle.

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O'Brien—In Belleville General Hospital, on Sunday, June 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Brien, a son. (stillborn). — MARMORA HERALD

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1940.

GREAT CANADIAN PASSES

Michael J. O'Brien, pioneer railroad builder, developer of numerous mines, lumberman, manufacturer and industrialist, passed away at his home in Renfrew on Tuesday. In Marmora and Deloro he is best known as the man whose faith in what was formerly Deloro Mining & Reduction Co. Ltd. and his loyal support financially and in other ways of the official of the Company, through years of development made the future success of Deloro possible. History will record him as one of Canada's great captains of industry, who played an important part in the development

MARRIED

O'BRIEN—RYAN

A wedding of local interest was solemnized in Sacred Heart Church Monday morning when Mary Elizabeth Ryan, daughter of Mr. Thomas Ryan and the late Mrs. Ryan, was united in marriage to Edward O'Brien, son of Mrs. Patrick O'Brien and the late Mr. O'Brien, all of Marmora. They were attended by Sgt. Gordon Burns, of the R. C. A. F. and Mrs. Burns. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father H. J. Farrell. After a wedding trip to St. Catharines and Niagara Falls Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien will reside in Marmora.

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EPHRAIM COOPER

On Wednesday morning, May 14th, Ephraim Cooper, passed away at his home in Marmora township, near Crowe Lake. He was 78 years of age and had spent his whole life in the township. He engaged in trapping and fishing and also in farming on a small scale. In recent years he seldom left his home. The deceased was twice married and is survived by his second wife, formerly Eliza Jane Walker. He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. John O'Brien and Mrs. Jacob Archibell, Marmora, and Mrs. Joseph Smith, Trenton. The funeral was held on Friday afternoon, service being conducted in St. Andrew's United Church by Rev. Dr. Fletcher. Interment took place in Marmora Protestant cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. Dan. Shannon, T. R. Warren, Alex. Boyd, B. Johnston, A. Bartlett and C. Wallbridge.

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Mrs. Sophia O'Brien, who is over 93 years of age, had the misfortune to fall downstairs last Saturday. She was busy at the top of the stairs and stepped backwards, missing the top step, and rolled down the whole length of the stairs. She was quite badly shaken and bruised, especially her face, but fortunately no bones were broken. Her daughter, Miss Kathleen O'Brien, R.N., who has been here for the summer will remain for a couple of weeks and Mrs. O'Brien will soon go to Madoc to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Thos. Winfield.

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DR. M. J. O'BRIEN MARRIES MARGARET LANG OF WATERLOO

Of interest to many personal and family friends in Ottawa was the wedding Saturday morning June 14th at St. Louis Church, Waterloo, where Bishop J. F. Ryan of Hamilton solemnized the marriage of Margaret Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Lang of Waterloo, and Dr. Michael Justin O'Brien, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ambrose O'Brien of Ottawa. Flowers in the church decorations were arranged by the Sisters of Notre Dame and Mr. Ray Massel played wedding music. Mrs. Henry Krug was the soloist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by Mrs. Brian A. O'Brien of Ottawa as matron-of-honor, Miss Betty Lang of Ottawa as maid-of-honor; Mrs. Bryson Kearns, and Miss Sandra Lang of Waterloo, Mrs. Edward Bean and Miss Mary McEvenue of Toronto, Mrs. John B. Nash of London, Ont., and Miss Janet Lang and Miss Audrey Krug of Kitchener and Miss Peggy Couzense of Detroit, as bridesmaids.

Mr. Barry O'Brien of Ottawa was best man and those acting as ushers were Mr. Brian O'Brien, Mr. Gerald O'Brien, Mr. Eric Blackburn and Mr. O'Neil O'Higgins of Ottawa, Mr. John B. Nash and Dr. Adrian Anglin and Mr. Edward Bean of Toronto and Mr. Bryson Kearns of Waterloo.

A model gown of white lame, imported from Paris, was worn by the bride for her wedding. The fitted bodice was designed with rounded ecclesiastical neckline and long fitted sleeves while an apron of lame was attached to the long full train. Her wedding veil of tulle illusion cascaded to beyond the train hemline and was caught to her head by a coronet of pearls and net. She carried a white prayer book with a mother-of-pearl rosary, the gift of the Papal delegate.

Many out-of-town guests attended the reception, at the home of the bride's parents, and later Dr. and Mrs. O'Brien left for their wedding trip to the Gatineau district. Mrs. O'Brien travelled in a three piece suit of Kelly green and neon blue wool over a yellow blouse and she carried navy blue accessories.

Dr. and Mrs. O'Brien will take up residence in Toronto. —The Ottawa Evening Citizen.

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Capt. Larry O'Brien (Chief Split Sky) gave an outdoor show with his tame bear on McGill Street last night. He also sells a number of Indian remedies.

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Celebrates 83rd Birthday

A party to celebrate the 83rd birthday of Mrs. James (Charlotte) O'Brien of R.R. 2, Marmora, was held Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clarence McCoy. Among the 60 guests attending from Peterborough, Campbellford, Toronto, Marmora, and surrounding district, were Mrs. O'Brien's two daughters, Mrs. Russell Kirkham (Mary) of Toronto, and Mrs. James Jeffery (Olive) who lives with her. A son, Angus, resides in Toronto.

Mrs. O'Brien was born and raised in this vicinity. She and her husband lived at White River, Ontario for a time after their marriage. When Mr. O'Brien died in 1916, Mrs. O'Brien and their 3 children moved to Toronto, returning to Marmora in 1946.

There were numerous gifts and cards from friends, as well as messages from Provincial and Federal M.P.'s.

Rev. Robert Stewart of St. Paul's Anglican Church gave a congratulatory address and a bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. O'Brien by Tim McCoy.

Assistings Mrs. McCoy with refreshments were Mrs. Jeffery Mrs. Myrtle McCormick and Mrs. Arthur Logan.

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RACHAEL GLANDFIELD

Mrs. Rachael Glandfield, wife of Edwin Glandfield, passed away suddenly at her home in Toronto on Sunday, Sept. 16th.

Mrs. Glandfield was born in Marmora, a daughter of Mrs. C. O'Brien and the late Albert Empey.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters and four sons, all of Toronto; also her mother Mrs. John O'Brien and three brothers, Henry, George and James Empey of Marmora, and a sister Mrs. George Dyer of Belleville.

Funeral services were conducted at the Washington and Johnston Funeral Chapel and interment was in Pine

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MRS. SUFFIE O'BRIEN

Marmora's second oldest resident, Mrs. Suffie O'Brien, passed away at her home here on Friday, October 7th, aged 93 years and 6 months. In spite of her great age she had been remarkably active until she had a bad fall about a week previous to her death. While busy at the top of the stair steps she stepped backwards and fell to the bottom of the stairs. For a day or two it was thought she was not seriously injured, but the shock and injuries eventually proved fatal.

Mrs. O'Brien was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Corby. She was born in Methuen, Peterborough County, but nearly all her life was lived in Marmora township or village. She was married to the late Patrick O'Brien, who predeceased her years ago. He was a river driver for years and was also a noted cook in the lumber camps, when lumbering was carried on on a large scale.

The late Mrs. O'Brien lived an active life and hardly knew what it was to be ill. Each summer, until it became so dry and hard this year, she could be seen frequently working in her garden. She attended Marmora fair and was awarded a prize as the oldest woman present. She was a good neighbor, kindly and willing to help in time of need.

Mrs. O'Brien was a devout member of Sacred Heart Church and was long a member of the Catholic Women's League, the Altar Society and the League of the Sacred Heart.

She is survived by two daughters and two sons: Mrs. Thomas Winfield (Mary Ann), of Madoc; Kathleen, Reg. N., Bronx Hospital, N.Y., Edward, of Marmora, and Joseph, of Toronto, a son, Patrick, passed away in April, 1940, and James and Bernard some years ago.

The funeral was held on Tuesday morning, October 11th, proceeding to Sacred Heart Church where Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. J. A. O'Neill, P.P. Interment took place in Sacred Heart cemetery.

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MRS. ALEX S. ROBERTSON

Although she had been in ill health for some time the death of Mrs. Eliza Jane Robertson, beloved wife of Alexander S. Robertson, at Blairton last Thursday evening came as a shock to her many friends. Her health had been gradually failing for some years and about two months ago, while visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clarence West, in Toronto, she suffered a stroke. Recently she rallied and her condition improved so that she was able to return home and hopes were held for her recovery. Early last week her condition changed for the worse and she passed away Thursday evening.

The late Mrs. Robertson was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCoy (nee Matilda Arnott) of Marmora Township, and was in her 59th year. She is survived by her husband and a family of six sons and two daughters, namely: William Robertson, Rawdon Township; Donald, Deloro; Floyd, Owen Sound; James, Clifford and Arthur, at home; Mrs. Clarence West, Toronto; and Mrs. Roy Kelsh, Cordova. She is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. John Broadworth, Saskatoon, Sask.; Mrs. James Downard, Marmora Township and Mrs. Charlotte O'Brien Toronto.

While she was devoted to her home and family and their care took most of her time, Mrs. Robertson was always a good friend and neighbour and was held in the highest esteem in the community in which she lived. The affection and respect with which she was regarded by every member of her family was one of the finest tributes to her character.

The funeral, which left her late residence on Sunday afternoon and proceeded to St. Paul's Church, Marmora, for service, was very largely attended, a number being unable to find room in the church. The service was conducted by Rural Dean A. B. Caldwell and was an impressive one.

In addition to the many beautiful floral tributes from relatives and friends wreaths were received from the Kinsmen's Club, Owen Sound; Loblaw's Head Office, Toronto; Employees of Loblaw's store, Owen Sound; the Deloro Group of St. Andrew's Women's Association; and Marmora L.O.L. No. 319.

Interment took place in Marmora Protestant Cemetery and the six sons of the deceased were pall bearers.

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Mr. John Murray

The late John Murray was born in Ireland on August 29th, 1832. At an early age he came to Canada living for a few years in Hungerford township and from there he moved to Marmora township where he has resided ever since.

About fifty-two years ago he was married to Miss Mary O'Brien, who survives him, and in 1907 they celebrated their golden wedding. They had a family of thirteen children, two of whom died in infancy and a third, the late Mrs. E. D. O'Conlor, passed away about four years ago. The remaining children are;—Sister Philip of the House of Providence, of Kingston, Sister Dominic, of the Brockville Hospital, John, on the homestead, Martin, at Deloro, Mrs. McDonnell, Toronto, Mrs. Clinton McGee, Stirling, Mrs. Jas. Hughes, Marmora, Mrs. K. McKinnon, Deloro, James at home, Joseph, who has just graduated as a doctor from McGill University.

The late Mr. Murray was a prosperous and highly respected farmer. He was always very strong and rugged until a few years ago when he suffered a stroke. He also had a second one but has been in fairly good health until Tuesday, June 15th, when he had another stroke, death resulting on Thursday, the 17th inst. Deceased was a member of the R. C. church and a reformer in politics.

The funeral took place on Sunday and was very largely attended. Interment taking place in R. C. cemetery.

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MARRIED

O'BRIEN—FITZGIBBON

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Marmora, by Rev. J. J. O'Reilly, on Tuesday of this week, Nov. 16th, when Miss Evelyn Fitzgibbon, of Ormsby, was united in marriage to Mr. Daniel O'Brien, of Chandos. They were attended by Mr. Harry Dunlay and Miss Mary Tallmire. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien will reside at Ormsby.

A SAD ACCIDENT

A distressing accident occurred yesterday by which Bernard O'Brien, son of the late Patrick O'Brien, lost his life. The victim was carrying a rifle when two dogs began to fight. He took hold of the barrel of the rifle and attempted to strike the dogs with the butt of the gun, when in some way it was accidentally discharged, the bullet entering his body. Medical assistance was quickly summoned, but in spite of all that could be done he passed away at a late hour last night.

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PATRICK O'BRIEN

Death came with startling suddenness to Patrick O'Brien Sunday morning. He got up apparently in his usual health and had gone out in his garden to feed his hens. While talking to two children of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reynolds, he suddenly collapsed. Dr. H. Crawford was hastily summoned but life was found to be extinct upon his arrival. His mother, with whom he resided, was attending Mass at Sacred Heart Church at the time.

The deceased was 56 years of age and was born in Marmora township. His father, Patrick O'Brien, passed away about 36 years ago and a younger brother, Bernard, was accidentally killed by the discharge of a gun which he was holding about thirty-two years ago.

The late Patrick O'Brien had many friends. Quiet and unassuming he was a good neighbour and his kindly humor made him popular with all who knew him. He was especially fond of children. For some time he was an employee of the Pearce Co. Ltd. He was also employed by the C.N.R. at Marmora for about ten and a half years and in recent years had been employed by G. B. Airhart in his lumber camps and as a river driver. Tall and of fine physique he looked to be in perfect health, but during the past winter he had been bothered with occasional spells, when he felt as though he was smothering and which he thought were caused by indigestion.

The late Patrick O'Brien was unmarried. He is survived by his mother, now 84 years of age, two sisters and two brothers: Mrs. Thomas Winfield, Madoc; Miss Kathleen O'Brien, Reg. N., New York; Edward, Timmins; and Joseph, Toronto.

The funeral was held yesterday (Wednesday morning). Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. H. J. Farrell and interment was made in Sacred Heart cemetery.

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Terrence Bernard O'Brien

Terrence Bernard O'Brien, formerly of Campbellford, passed away on July 29, 1996.

Terry was born on September 17, 1947, in Peterborough, Ontario, to Bernard and Loretta O'Brien. Terry was the eldest of his brothers Ken, Gary and Lorne. He lived in the Campbellford area until he was 17 years old. At that point he moved to Oshawa where he stayed with his Aunt Marion and Uncle Everette.

At the age of 20 Terry was working in a factory and went on a "blind" date with Judi Ashton, the woman who would become his wife. Terry and Judi were married at St. Bernadette Church on March 1, 1969. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Lonny and Kimberly. On December 31, 1993, Lonny married Rebecca Martel and Terry and Judi welcomed Rebecca into the O'Brien household.

In the Ajax area Terry was involved with the volunteer fire department and avidly followed daughter Kim's soccer.

Terry touched the lives of many people and was well respected and will be greatly missed by all of his relatives and friends.

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MARY ELIZABETH O'BRIEN

Mary Elizabeth O'Brien, 39 North Hastings Street, Marmora, died at RR 1, Eldorado, May 17, 1984, at age 70 after an illness of eight months.

Born February 3, 1914, in Marmora, she was the daughter of Elizabeth Downard and Thomas Ryan.

Mrs. O'Brien was well known to residents of RR 1, Marmora, where she delivered the mail for some 17 years.

Predeceased by her husband Edward O'Brien, she leaves one daughter Patti (Mrs. Charles Brownson) RR 1, Eldorado, and grandchildren Lorne, Patricia, Mary, Charles, Gerald, and John Brownson.

She was a member of the Catholic Women's League.

Funeral service was held May 19, 1984, at 11 a.m. from Sacred Heart Church, Marmora, with Rev. J.P. Carty officiating.

Pallbearers were Gerald Brownson, Lorne Brownson, Pete Flynn, Kent Knox, John Nicol and Bob Moore.

Arrangements were made by Cassidy Funeral Home, Marmora.

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Mrs. Charlotte O'Brien dies in her 95th year

MARMORA - One of the Marmora area's few nonagenarians, Mrs. Charlotte O'Brien, of R.R.2, Marmora, died at Campbellford Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, October 8, 1975, following a three month illness. She was in her 95th year.

Rev. John Lombard conducted the funeral service at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Marmora, on Friday, October 10th at 2 p.m. Interment was in Marmora Protestant Cemetery and the pall bearers were six nephews, Floyd, Clifford, James, Arthur, Clayton and Roy Robertson.

Mrs. O'Brien rested at the Howden Funeral Home before the funeral service.

Born and educated in Marmora Township, she was the daughter of the late William McCoy and the late former Matilda Arnott.

Mrs. O'Brien returned to Marmora Township 27 years ago after living in Toronto for a number of years.

She was a member of St. Paul's Church, Marmora.

She was predeceased by her husband, James O'Brien and three sisters.

Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Mary Kirkham of Toronto and Mrs. Olive Long of Marmora Township and a son, Angus, of Weston; also one grandson, Barry O'Brien and one great-granddaughter, Kathryn O'Brien.

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MISS KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father T. G. Scanlon of Sacred Heart Church at 10:00 a.m. on Monday Dec. 13th for Miss Kathleen O'Brien, 41 North Hastings St. Marmora, who died in Belleville General Hospital from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Nov. 26th.

Miss O'Brien was born and educated in Marmora Township. She was a daughter of the late Patrick O'Brien and the late former Sophia Corby and was the last surviving member of her family, one sister and five brothers having predeceased her.

She was a graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Hamilton and carried out nursing duties for 37 years in Hamilton, Cleveland and New York. She was a supervisor in the Bronx Hospital, New York, for 28 years before her retirement in 1961; at which time she returned to take up residence in Marmora.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Church, the Catholic Women's League and the Alter Guild.

Interment took place in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Cassidy Funeral Home.

Bearers were 6 nephews: Angus O'Brien, Lorne O'Brien, Harold Dale, James Dale, James Winfield and

Double Ring Ceremony Sacred Heart Church

O'BRIEN — LAJOIE

Double ring ceremony at Sacred Heart Church, Marmora, Saturday, October 26th, 1968. Anne Lajoie and Timothy O'Brien exchanged wedding rings. She is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lajoie of R.R. 2, Marmora and he is son of Mrs. Ronald of Trenton and the late Mr. O'Brien.

Bride's floor length emerald gown was of white satin with lace sleeves and detachable train. A crown of pearls and tiny flowers held shoulder length veil and she had a cascade of red roses.

of honour, Miss Joan Lajoie, sister of the bride, and Miss Rita Carlton, Miss Elain Carlson of Madoc, wore short fitted gowns of rose nylon tulle with sheath lining of taffeta. Miss Rhonda Carlton, groom's sister, was junior maid and wore a baby doll dress of white nylon lace over taffeta. Their bouquets

ching tinted mums and carnations. Groomsman was Paul Doctor of Wolfe Island, and ushers were brothers of the bride, Ronald and Douglas Lajoie.

Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father T. G. Scanlan and wedding hymns were accompanied by organist, Mrs. Hugh Brady. Reception was held in the parish hall.

On return from their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien will reside at King Street, Trenton.

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FRED COOPER WAS KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

Fred Cooper, of Marmora Township, was instantly killed on No. 7 Highway about 2.30 o'clock Sunday morning, when struck by an automobile owned and driven by Mr. Walter J. Leal of Tweed. According to reports there was heavy patches of fog along the Highway and Cooper was hurled about fourteen feet by the impact of the car and suffered multiple fractures of the skull and numerous other abrasions, causing almost instant death.

After the accident Leal turned around so as to throw the light from the car on the victim of the accident. He waited about five minutes to see if any car came along and then drove to Marmora and notified Constable Percy Gray. The latter called Patrol Officer J. H. Hatch and the two went to the scene of the accident as quickly as possible. After securing a statement from Leal, Coroner Dr. S. Eagleson was notified and an inquest was ordered.

Messrs. Thos. R. Warren, George Forestell, C. E. Jones, Wilbert Bedore and John Wellman were called on and sworn in as jurors. After viewing the remains the inquest was adjourned until Wednesday, Sept. 27th, at 10.30 o'clock. The remains were then taken to the undertaking room of F. N. Maret & Co. where an autopsy was made by Dr. Hamilton Crawford. The body was then prepared for burial.

The deceased is survived by his widow, who resides in the United States, one son and one daughter. He is also survived by a brother Ephriam Cooper, with whom he resided and three sisters, Mrs. Jacob Archibell, Mrs. John O'Brien, Marmora, and Mrs. Jos. Smith, Trenton. He had taken care of his brother for some time and also rendered many services to Mrs. Archibell, as her husband is blind.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Archibell. Service was conducted by Rural Dean A. B. Caldwell. Interment took place in Marmora Protestant cemetery.

THE INQUEST

The inquest into the death of the late Fred Cooper was held in the town hall at 10.30 a.m. yesterday with Coroner Dr. S. Eagleson, of Madoc, presiding. Crown Attorney B. C. Donnan, K.C., examined the witnesses. The jury was composed of Messrs. Thos. R. Warren, George Forestell, C. E. Jones, Wilbert Bedore and John Wellman.

Constable Percy Gray was the first witness called. He had been called about 2.30 a.m. by Walter J. Leal, of Tweed, who reported he had struck a man on No. 7 Highway and he thought he was dead. Leal described the man and from the description witness concluded it was Fred Cooper. Leal was very nervous, but did not show any evidence of having been drinking. Witness called Patrol Officer J. H. Hatch and together they went to the scene of the accident. The body was lying on the south shoulder of the road. Apparently the car was travelling about the centre of the south half of the road, about 8 feet from the south edge of the road, when the accident occurred. Victim had skull badly fractured and other bruises and abrasions. Damage to the car was also described, showing right lamp had glass smashed, fender had dint and brace was bent and spattered with blood. There were heavy patches of fog along road. Asked as to Cooper's condition in evening witness replied he had been drinking beer. Witness stated that considering driving conditions he didn't think the driver could be held responsible for the accident.

Mr. Scott, of Belleville, photographer, was next called. He presented three photographs, one showing road where accident occurred and two of the car showing result of accident to it.

Provincial Officer J. H. Hatch stated that Leal was perfectly normal except that he was excited. He described position of body and where car appeared to have been when ac-

cident occurred. He could tell where the impact took place as boot had scuffed up the hard ground. Brain tissue was scattered along road for three or four feet. Near the body was a potato sack containing groceries and pipe was lying about four feet from body. Mr. Leal had stated he was coming from Peterborough and owing to fog did not see Cooper until about 10 feet from him. When witness reached point of accident it was perfectly clear with no fog. He examined brakes of car and had a mechanic examine them. Found that travelling at 20 miles an hour it would take 80 feet to stop.

Dr. Hamilton Crawford gave evidence of examining the body. The skull was badly fractured with lacerations in brain cavity about four inches long extending up and back from over right eye. He also described other bruises and abrasions. Death was due to laceration of brain and was likely instantaneous.

Lem Lung gave evidence that deceased came to his restaurant about 1 a.m. and remained for about half an hour and was quite drunk. He kept dancing all the time.

James Burrige met Cooper a few minutes before the accident. At that time there was heavy fog a short distance from where he met Cooper.

Walter J. Leal, driver of the car admitted his brakes were not what they should have been, but claimed he was so close to Cooper before he saw him that he could not have avoided hitting him with the best of brakes. If the deceased had been walking along the shoulder of the road he would have missed him entirely. He had not been drinking at all.

Mrs. Leal corroborated the evidence of her husband.

The jury quickly brought in a verdict exonerating Mr. Leal from any blame in connection with the accident, which occurred about a mile and a half west of the village.

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