

Reverend Dr. J.M. Shaver (13 June 1948)

Although only in the Lakehead district for 10 years, 1911-1921, Reverend Dr. Shaver had a profound impact. In his time here, he was involved with a number of projects and organizations that benefited the community. He led the way for the establishment of the Wayside House on MacTavish Street where he was pastor until 1921. During the Great War he was heavily involved in the Canadian Red Cross. Shaver was also made honorary president of the Ruthenian literary and benevolent society which met at the Wesley Institute hall to devise means where the unemployed 'aliens' could find work. In 1921 he moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he took charge at All Peoples' Mission. After his move to Winnipeg, Shaver received his doctorate. For five years however, 1942-1947, he was a minister at the Murillo United church, where he married his wife, Dorothy Hamlet. He would return to Winnipeg and pass away 13 June, 1948.

References

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"Rev. J. Shaver, Wayside House Founder, Dies." *For William Daily News Chronicle*, 14 June, 1948.

AUSTRIAN RUTHENIANS HOLD MASS MEETING TO PETITION FOR WORK

A meeting of the Ruthenians from Austria was held in Wesley institute hall on the evening of May 6th for purposing of devising means whereby they might obtain work and earn a livelihood. J. M. Shayer who is honorary president of the Ruthenian literary and benevolent society was asked to take the chair. He pointed out that he realized the predicament his audience was in. They had come to Canada to escape the German government of Austria and now must suffer for that government's sin. They are refused work and therefore face starvation or the crime of begging or stealing. Mr. Pyndykowski acted as interpreter and gave a brief address. The speakers of the evening were Alderman Pattison and ex-Alderman Ed. Smith, who showed these men that they were willing to help

them in their search for work but pointed out the absolute necessity of the federal government taking action.

It was decided to draw up strong petitions to be signed by the Slavic Austrians, of the city and forwarded to the mayor, the prime minister of Canada, the minister of labor, the prime minister of Ontario and C.W. Jarvis, M.P.P. There were 400 in attendance and only six of these had work.

It's Not Every Day

that you can buy men's \$20 to \$35 guaranteed suits for \$15. Consequently the rush has been very heavy at Rutledge and Jackson's. There were 150 of them and there is still a splendid assortment for tonight's shoppers.



REV. DR. J. M. SHAVER

Rev. J. Shaver, Wayside House Founder, Dies

Word was received here this morning that Rev. Dr. J. M. Shaver, founder of Wayside House, of the United church, in Fort William, died yesterday afternoon in Winnipeg.

Dr. Shaver who came here in 1911, residing here with his family till 1921 was well-known in this community, not only for his keen interest in the work of the church, but also for the part he played in community development generally. He was an active worker with the Canadian Red Cross here in World War I.

He was the prime mover in the establishment of Wayside House on MacTavish street, and was its pastor until 1921, when he took up a new charge at All Peoples' Mission in Winnipeg. He remained at All Peoples' Mission until his superannuation some years ago. It was after his return to Winnipeg that he received his doctorate.

Dr. Shaver is survived by his wife and two sons. His son, the Rev. J. Shaver is now at the United church charge of Sydney-Austin in Manitoba. For five years, from 1942 till 1947 he was minister at Murillo United church. During his sojourn here he was married to the former Miss Dorothy Hamlet of this city.

Dr. Shaver's elder son, William, is also an ordained minister of the United church, and is at present at McLeod St. United church in Ottawa.

Dr. Shaver has immediate relatives in Manitoba and is also survived by four grandchildren.