

Footwear Pioneer Dies Here

The man who started a small shoe shop which grew into Canada's largest maker of hand-made footwear died Wednesday.

Pierre Paris died at his home at 1459 West Thirtieth after an illness of several months. He was 77.

Mr. Paris started making shoes in a small shop on Granville soon after he came to Vancouver from France in 1907.

To the time of his death he was president of three firms that grew from that shop — Pierre Paris and Sons Ltd., P. Paris Tannery, and Paris Holdings Ltd.

His Pierre Paris and Sons shoe firm is best-known for its manufacture of high-quality logging boots and other heavy footwear.

KEEN INTEREST

He was also widely known for his keen interest in corrective footwear.

He received a degree from Chicago's American College of Podiatry (study of foot diseases) in 1929.

Soon after he helped found the B.C. Association of Podiatrists.

Mr. Paris continued taking an interest in foot diseases and developed a number of mechanical devices to aid in corrective work.

He was also a keen sportsman and won numerous trophies for his skill at handball.

HELPED START

He helped found the Hastings Community Centre, was charter member of the Vancouver Athletic Club and was active in the Terminal City lawn bowling club.

Mr. Paris is survived by his wife, Grace; two sons, Dr. George Paris and Dr. Roger Paris, both of Vancouver; four sisters, Mrs. Marie Edant and Mrs. Jeanne Barneche of France, Mrs. Catherine Paris of Calgary and Mrs. Grace Bonnet of Vancouver; and one brother, P. T. Paris of Vancouver.

Requiem mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Peter and Paul Church, Thirty-eighth and Granville. Interment will be at Ocean View Park.

Clipped By:



m_gariador

Thu, May 9, 2019