

From the Wednesday, April 10, 1957 edition of the Winnipeg (MB) Free Press, page 37:

Man Who Shaped Fire Service Is Dead

Lucien Keroack, 62, the man who shaped Winnipeg's fire prevention bureau in 1928 and directed it ever since, died Tuesday. Mr. Keroack, one of the most colorful of the city's firefighters joined the department in 1919. He was a regular fireman until he formed and took charge of the fire prevention bureau with the rank of lieutenant. At his death he held the rank of district chief. He lived at 419 Salter street.

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Fireman's Death May Cost 15 Jobs

Acting mayor Peter Taraska, of Winnipeg, announced Thursday that 15 Winnipeg firemen may be asked to resign their positions in the fire department because of the death Tuesday of Lucien Keroack, chief fire prevention officer of the city, apparently of a heart attack. The acting mayor said that Mr. Keroack was one of 16 Winnipeg firemen discovered on a medical survey of the department to be suffering from coronary thrombosis. Ald. Taraska, who is also chairman of the safety committee which administers the fire department, said that the fire chief had contacted him Thursday morning to report on Mr. Keroack's death and the situation in the department. Ald. Taraska said that the 15 remaining firemen known to have this condition will be re-examined by the health department. If their condition was found to be "dangerous" he said, the matter would be referred to the safety committee for action. This probably meant that the firemen would be asked to resign, he said. If the firemen were found to be suffering the condition because of their work for the city, he added, an "adjustment" would probably be made.

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LUCIEN JOSEPH LEO KEROACK, 62, of 419 Salter street, chief fire prevention officer, who died Tuesday, will be buried Friday in St. Boniface basilica cemetery. Requiem high mass will be sung at 10 a.m. Friday in the Immaculate Conception church following prayers at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in P. Coutu funeral chapels. Mr. Keroack had been president of the Fire Chiefs' association and was an active member of Immaculate Conception church for 37 years. Surviving are his wife, Minnie, a son, Pat, a daughter, Mrs. W. R. Noble, five grandchildren, a brother, Albert and a sister, Rev. Sisiter Malvina of the Order of the Holy Names.

From the Thursday, April 11, 1957 edition of the Winnipeg (MB) Free Press, page 41:

KEROACK -- On April 9, 1957, at his residence 419 Salter St., Lucien Keroack, beloved husband of Mary, aged 62 years. Prayers will be said at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the P. Coutu Funeral Chapel. Requiem High ass will be sung 10 a.m. Friday in the Immaculate Conception RC. church, Winnipeg. Interment in St. Boniface Basilica Cemetery.