

Eugene Lecomte

Born – November 30, 1888 - Died - August 10, 1930



Eugène Lecomte was born in Montreal on November, 30, 1888, and came to Ottawa at the age of twelve. He worked as a lineman for the Ottawa Electric Company for five years. He joined the Ottawa Fire Department on June 12, 1911. Eugène Lecomte was promoted Assistant Superintendent of the Fire Alarm section and was installing wires from one pole to another the corner of Springfield Road and Rideau Terrace when a telephone pole on which he was working snapped at the base plunging him thirty feet to the ground. He was wearing his safety harness, which held him to the pole, crushing his chest and fracturing his skull. Eugène Lecomte died without regaining consciousness.

Eugène Lecomte est né à Montréal le 30 novembre 1888. Il arrive à Ottawa à l'âge de 12 ans. Pendant cinq années, il travaille comme monteur de lignes pour l'entreprise Ottawa Electric Company. Le 12 juin 1911, il intègre le Service des incendies d'Ottawa. Eugène Lecomte est promu au rang de surintendant adjoint de la division de l'alarme incendie. Alors qu'il installe des câbles entre deux poteaux téléphoniques au coin des chemins Springfield et Rideau Terrasse, la base du poteau sur lequel il se trouve se casse. Il fait une chute de 30 pieds, mais, ceinturé par son harnais de sécurité, il est retenu au poteau qui lui écrase la poitrine et fracture son crâne. Demeuré inconscient depuis l'accident, il succombe à ses blessures.