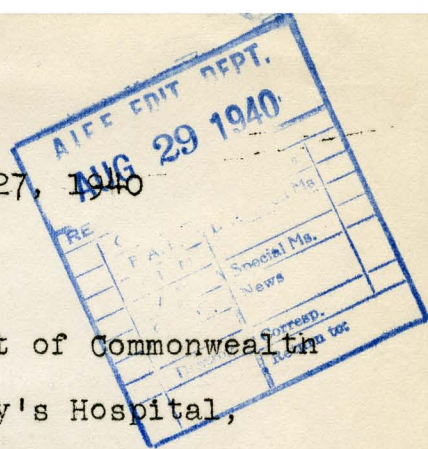


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Louis A. Ferguson, retired vice-president of Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago, died August 25 in St. Mary's Hospital, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, following an attack of intestinal influenza at his Summer home in Eagle River. He was 73 years of age.

Born in Dorchester, Massachusetts, August 19, 1867, Mr. Ferguson attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology and shortly after graduation went to work for the Chicago Edison Company as an employe of the meter department. Winning rapid promotion, he successively served as engineer of underground construction, electrical engineer and general superintendent. He was elected vice-president of both the Chicago Edison Company and Commonwealth Electric Company in 1902 and five years later when the two were consolidated as the Commonwealth Edison Company he continued in the same capacity in the new organization, retiring on January 1, 1936.

Charged during the greater part of his Edison career with the direction of the company's operating, construction and electrical departments, Mr. Ferguson was accorded national recognition for his contributions to the advancement of the electric light and power industry. He held the distinction of serving as president of three of the industry's major organizations--the National Electric Light Association, Association of Edison Illuminating Companies and American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

While still a student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mr. Ferguson saw William Stanley's first demonstration of early alternating current equipment in 1886. A decade later, as electrical engineer for the Edison Company, he proposed the plan of transmitting alternating current at high voltage with subsequent conversion to direct current by means of rotary converters. Adoption of this method proved to be an important forward step in the attainment of a more economical and convenient power supply.

Last rites for Mr. Ferguson were held at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Evanston, and interment was in Calvary cemetery. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Henry Butler, and three sons, Louis A., Jr., customer service manager for Commonwealth Edison Company, Arthur J. and Alan M. Mr. Ferguson's wife, Mrs. Martha Jenkins Ferguson, died in March, 1938.

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