

Rotary 350,000 Strong Says International Head

The man who heads an organization of nearly 350,000 Rotarians throughout the world was welcomed to the lakehead yesterday afternoon.

Arthur Lagueux, president of Rotary International for the year 1950-51, was greeted by members of the Fort William Rotary club as he stepped from the T.C.A. plane which brought him here from London, Ont.

The Rotary chief was making his first official visit to the lakehead clubs since he became international president in June of this year. He is president of the investment corporation of Lagueux and DesRochers, of Quebec City.

Last night Mr. Lagueux was guest of honor at a joint meeting of the Fort William and Port Arthur Rotary clubs in the Prince Arthur hotel, Port Arthur. He was scheduled to return to the east today.

On hand to welcome the president was Dr. C. C. McCullough, who thirty years ago, in 1920-21, held the same office Mr. Lagueux holds today. Dr. McCullough was the first to greet the distinguished visitor.

Also present at the airport were two past district governors of Rotary, Arthur Widnall and Alex. Adams, and L. M. Gleeson, president of the Fort William Rotary club.

Although he had stopped off briefly in Fort William just the day before on his way east, Mr. Lagueux said yesterday was the first opportunity he had of getting acquainted with the people and surroundings of the lakehead area.

He assumed the president's chair in Detroit last June at the international convention of Rotary. Since then he has spent a considerable amount of time visiting Rotary clubs in Canada and the United States.

Mr. Lagueux said he has visited clubs in every province of Canada, with the exception of Manitoba. Next month he plans to embark on an extended tour of European countries.

He said he was pleased to be at the lakehead, with the opportunity of

meeting the membership of both clubs.

The Rotary movement throughout the world has a membership of 342,000. Clubs number 7,150 in 83 countries, he said.

Tonight he expects to be in Markdale, Ont., where he will present the Rotary charter to the newly organized Rotary club of Chatsworth.

While at the lakehead Mr. Lagueux was the guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. McCullough, 225 North Syndicate avenue.