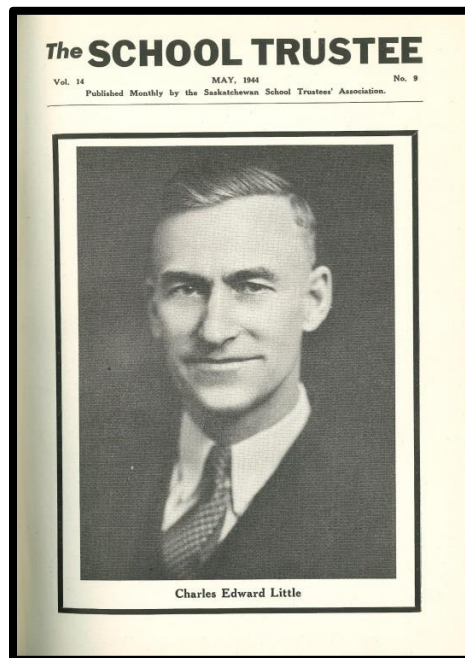




Looking Back: “Our Beloved Leader”



Charles E. Little, an important figure in the history of the Association

After Charles E. Little passed away in 1944, much of the next *The School Trustee* was dedicated to celebrating his many contributions. Under the headline “Our Beloved Leader”, the newsletter said that Little had become “the living embodiment of our Association” during his years in its service.

Little was Association president from 1925 to 1928. In 1927, he also took on duties of secretary-treasurer. He continued in the latter role until his death, administering the school supply bureau and insurance plan and representing the Association in numerous capacities. He became the first editor of *The School Trustee* in 1930 and the first president when the Canadian School Trustees’ Association formed in 1943. He was also influential in numerous other organizations. Impressively, he maintained a full-scale law practice at the same time. To recognize his “magnificent” service, the Association established the Charles E. Little Memorial Fund, which offered loans and scholarships until 1971.

“Challenged by his sacrificial spirit, his passing shall be to us all a summons to hold high the torch,” said that 1944 newsletter, with a message that still echoes more than seven decades later: “All who care for schools in Saskatchewan must be thankful for the gifts he lavished in their service.”