In Memoriam

Neely E. Pardee

January 9, 1879 - October 23, 1952

Hennepin County Bar Association District Court Fourth Judicial District Minneapolis, Minnesota

April 18, 1953

Memorial to Keely Eugene Pardee 1879 – 1952

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Neely Eugene Pardee was born of Connecticut stock at Madison, Wisconsin, on January 8, 1879. The family removed to Wausau, Wisconsin, in 1882 where he received his elementary and high school education. In 1901 he graduated from the University of Wisconsin and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He then engaged in the lumbering and other business activities for some years. In 1910 he came to Minneapolis and entered the Law School of the University of Minnesota. He received his degree of L.L.B. in 1913 and was admitted to the Minnesota Bar the same year.

Thereafter for a time he was in the law offices of Lind, Ueland and Jerome and later practiced in the office of Child and Drake.

He enlisted in the first officers' training camp in May 19, 1917, but was later that same year honorably discharged because of illness, which prevented him from again entering the service and delayed his return to the practice of law for some time.

Mr. Pardee served as Assistant United States Attorney under the late Judge Alfred Jacques of Duluth from 1920 to 1922. In 1925 he became associated with C. F. Keyes and the late P. L. Solether as Keyes, Pardee and Solether; and later in association with the late James E. Carr as Keyes, Pardee, Solether and Carr. From 1933 to 1936 he served as head of the Legal Department of the Minneapolis District Council of the Home Owners Loan Association.

In 1949 he retired from the practice of law because of ill health. He died on October 23, 1952 at the age of 73 years

He is survived by his wife, the former Katherine M. Crocker of Minneapolis, whom he married in 1926, and by their son Neely E. Pardee, Jr., a medical student at the University of Minnesota; also by a sister Mrs. Frank L. Walsh of St. Louis Park, and a brother Franklin G. Pardee of Cleveland, Ohio, who for many years was a geologist and mine appraiser for the State of Michigan, and is now President of the Lake Superior Iron Ore Association.

Charles F. Keyes

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