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### About the R. S. Jane Memorial Award

The R. S. Jane Memorial Award is the premier award of the [Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering \(CSCChE\)](#). It commemorates Dr. Jane's outstanding contributions to the chemical profession and industry in Canada.

Dr. Robert Stephen Jane (1898-1958) was a towering figure in Canadian chemical engineering. His remarkable career spanned over three decades with Shawinigan Chemicals, rising from junior chemist to president. Born in Cornwall, England, and relocating to Canada at the age of five, Dr. Jane's academic journey saw him earning degrees from U.B.C. and McGill University, culminating in a D.Sc "honoris causa" from McGill in 1958.



*Dr. Jane on the right. Image used with permission of the National Research Council of Canada Digital Repository*

His professional contributions were instrumental in advancing Canadian industrial research and production, notably reversing the trend of relocating research laboratories abroad. His leadership roles also included president of the Canadian section of the Society of Chemical Industry and his membership in the National Research Council of Canada. His unexpected passing in 1958 was a profound loss to the field, leaving behind a legacy of scientific and industrial progress.

The R. S. Jane Memorial Award is presented annually to a person who has made significant contributions to chemical engineering or industrial chemistry while residing in Canada. More information about this flagship award, its history and previous winners can be found on our [website](#).