

COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY

**CHARLES FRASER AYLSWORTH Jr.**

By his wife, Mrs. Fraser Aylsworth

The paternal ancestors of the late C. Fraser Aylsworth came to Canada with the United Empire Loyalists about 1777 landing at Bath, Ontario. His mother's people came from Clones, Ireland, in 1820.

He was the son of Charles Fraser Aylsworth Sr., P.L.S. (whose biographical sketch appears in the annual report of 1913) and Elizabeth June Gillespie, daughter of George Gillespie, her mother being a sister of John Emmerson, P.L.S., a man whose influence was widely felt during his lifetime and in whose home Elizabeth Jane Gillespie spent much of her youth, (see annual report 1924). Charles Fraser Aylsworth Jr. was born at Roslin, April 21, 1862. He began his studies for a land surveyor by serving apprenticeship with P. S. Gibson, P.L.S., of Willowdale from January, 1883 to January, 1886, passed his final examination and was admitted to practise 8th January 1886.



He also took out a Dominion Land Surveyors Commission and was in charge of survey parties under the late Dr. Deville, Surveyor General of Canada in the Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan with whom his relations were always cordial and left pleasant memories.

He settled in Madoc and carried on a lucrative practice of his profession, was a very public spirited man and took an active part in municipal and government affairs.

Was Reeve of the Village of Madoc for some time also Bridge Engineer for the County of Hastings. He was President of the Dominion Land Survey in Association in 1914 and of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors in 1919.

Was a staunch Liberal in politics being President of the

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Madoc Liberal Association, and member of the Central Ontario Liberal Association.

He was Chairman of the Biographical Committee of the O. L. Surveyors from 1928 up to the time of his death and was indefatigable in his efforts to get information of deceased members of our Association as his report from year to year will show.

He was mainly instrumental in having erected a cairn in the City of Kingston Park to commemorate the planting of the first surveyor's post under civil authority in Ontario, by Deputy Surveyor General John Collins in 1783, which survey was undertaken to provide lands for United Empire Loyalists and much credit is due to him for his untiring efforts to bring the matter to a successful conclusion. When he remarked, "the last but not least of my work will be finished when unveiled."

He was a cousin of Sir Allen Aylsworth and together these two organized and carried out a meeting of the clans at Bath in 1929, over 200 taking part. Fraser Aylsworth, as he was known by his friends rarely ever missed attending the Annual Meeting of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors. His principal hobby was hunting up old relics and research into historical sketches. He had been in active practice for 54 years, was married twice, his first wife was Minnie Deans, who died in 1906, leaving 2 daughters, Grace Elizabeth, now a R.N. at Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Gladys who died in 1919. In March, 1910, he married Louise V. Brereton, daughter of the late R. L. Brereton, of Toronto, who survives him.

Fraser Aylsworth died after only 2 days' illness in the Belleville General Hospital on the 4th of December, 1939, and was buried at Madoc.