

**MASON H. BAKER**

The subject of this sketch was born in the Township of Malahide, Elgin County, Ontario, on July 9, 1884. He was the only son of the late John Baker of Aylmer, Ontario, who was for years an employee of the Michigan Central Railway at St. Thomas. After attending Myrtle Street School and High School at St. Thomas he entered the School of Practical Science, Toronto. He obtained his diploma in 1906 and degree with honors in 1907.



After graduating he immediately became articled to Mr. W. W. Meadows, D.L.S., of Maple Creek, Sask., and obtained his D.L.S. Commission in August, 1908. On February 16, 1909, he qualified as an Ontario Land Surveyor.

He was then employed in the office of the City Engineer at St. Thomas, Mr. J. A. Bell and on January 1st, 1911, he succeeded Mr. Bell as City Engineer.

During his term of office he supervised the construction of the Coagulating basin at the City Water Works pumping station, prepared plans for Amelia St. Water Tower, constructed sewerage screening equipment and constructed pavement on Ross Street.

At the end of April, 1913, Mr. Baker was offered the position of City Engineer at Prince Albert, Sask., which he accepted. In 1914 he resigned and accepted a contract as chief of Dominion Land Surveyors on subdivision, retracement, restoration, correction and other miscellaneous surveys in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

In March, 1916, he returned to Toronto and entered the employ of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association. On September 27th, 1918, he became Superintendent of the De-

partment and his work consisted of Fire Protection Engineering, having charge also of the rating of Sprinkler Risks.

On April 30, 1920, he resigned this position to become Chief Engineer for the Corporation of Messrs. Irish & Maulson, Limited, Insurance Brokers, of Toronto and Montreal, which he held until his death. His work consisted in designing layouts and specifications for private Fire Protection, Insurance, Engineering and supervision of Sprinkler installations.

On April 9, 1912, he married Miss Pearl Grant, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. J. Grant, of Elizabeth Street, St. Thomas. They had one child, Hildegarde, born in 1917.

Mason Herman Baker died in Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, on April 14, 1925, the cause of death being Meningitis.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. W. A. Cameron, of Bloor St. Baptist Church, in which Mr. Baker had been elected a Deacon a few weeks before his death. He was survived by his widow and daughter and one sister.

Mr. Baker took an active part in church affairs in St. Thomas and afterwards in Toronto. He was also a member of several clubs and organizations.