

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY

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The report of the Committee on Biography consists of biographical sketches of the late E. D. Bolton, T. H. Byrne, H. S. Carpenter (on retired list), G. H. Ferguson, M.C. (on retired list), D. J. Fraser, C. V. Gallagher, C. A. Grassie, W. E. Lumb, N.B. MacRostie and A. P. Walker, accompanied by photographs, except in the case of Mr. Carpenter.

Following are the biographical sketches.

ELLSWORTH DOAN BOLTON

O.L.S., B.Sc.

Mr. Bolton, at the age of 82, died in Stratford, Ontario, on December 4th, 1950, and was buried in Fairview Cemetery in Listowel, Ontario—the old family town.



Born there in 1868, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bolton, the former an Ontario Land Surveyor in his own right (see his biography in 1934 report). In the Listowel schools he received his early education that enabled him to enter on a civil engineering course at McGill University, from whence he graduated with the degree of B.Sc.

Upon graduation, in 1897, he went to the then opening gold field in the Yukon area of Northwestern Canada as assistant to Thomas Fawcett, who was the Dominion Government's "Gold Commissioner." This was a tie-in with still earlier days as Ellsworth's father, Lewis, had served his O.L.S. apprenticeship

with Mr. Fawcett (see latter's biography 1921 report). Thus were three generations of Ontario Land Surveyors tied together in a profession common to all.

Upon his return from the Yukon, he was admitted to practice as an O.L.S. November 7th, 1899: worked with his father and later took over the practice. Listowel thus became his home until his

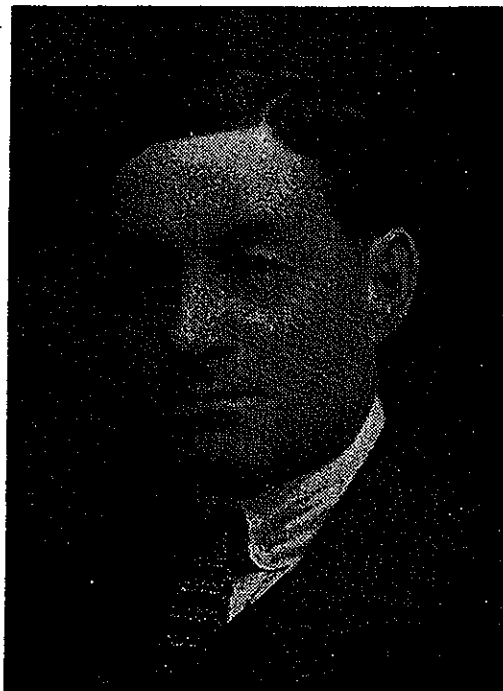
death. The Listowel practice was a busy one in the growing times of the Bruce Peninsula, though interspersed with mining claim surveys in the early days of the Cobalt mining camp.

Mr. Bolton left no immediate survivors as parents, wife, and only sister, had predeceased him and there were no children. The older members of our Association will remember him as a regular attendant of our annual meetings, and as a man of quiet and genial disposition. He was a member of the United Church of Canada.

THOMAS HENRY BYRNE

Grad. R.M.C., M.A.P.E. (Ont.)

The Byrne family was one of those whose roots were deeply imbedded in early Ottawa history, and the subject of this sketch was born there February 7th, 1880, to John Thornton Byrne and Mary Mavety Byrne.



In Ottawa schools he received his earlier education — Kent Street Public and Lisgar Street Collegiate. He then entered the Royal Military College at Kingston and graduated therefrom in 1900. During his course at this latter institution he became associated with three fellow students with whom in later life he was to be connected: two of these, W. B. Lindsay and Victor Anderson, both to become Major-Generals in Canada's Army during World War I. The third was Frank Elliott Patterson who, on April 21st, 1909, became an Ontario Land Surveyor and with whom our subject later became associated in the Surveying-Engineering partnership of Patterson and Byrne. Mr. Patterson's death

preceded that of Mr. Byrne by some years.

Subsequent to his graduation from R.M.C., our subject became actively engaged in engineering:

1902-3—Asst. Engr. construction Algoma Central Ry.

1903—Asst. Eng. location, Railway, New Brunswick.

1904—Asst. Engr. construction Decew Falls power plant.

1905-7—Asst. Engr. construction Kakabecka Falls power plant.