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ship of John & William Newman. Then in 1909 he was appointed Windsor city engineer, which post he held and filled with distinction till 1930. Resigning in 1930 he was engaged for several years in the mercantile field—sand, gravel and coal. In 1939 he entered the service of the Department of Transport as Engineer and Surveyor in the location and construction of airfields in the Hamilton and Windsor areas. For the last three years of his life he was resident engineer at Malton Airport.

On January 30th, 1944, Mr. Brian was very severely injured in a motor accident which resulted in hospital confinement, during which time he suffered a heart seizure and then pneumonia with fatal result.

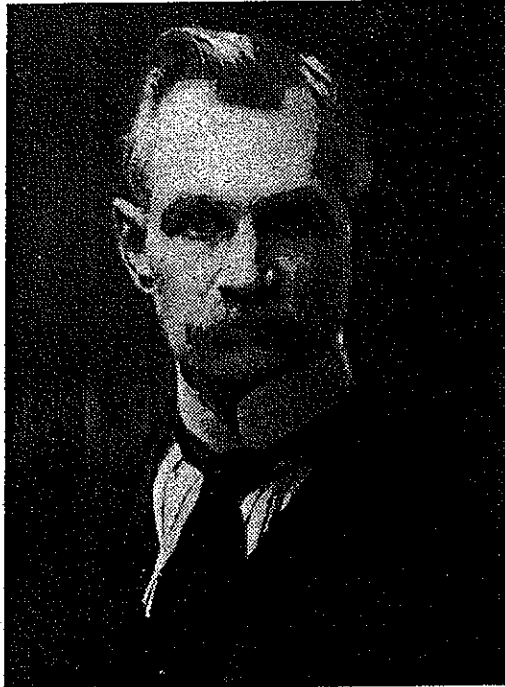
Mr. Brian was a keen athlete in his time, very active in soccer football, basketball, and indoor baseball. In religion a staunch Roman Catholic, he was a charter member of Council 1453 Knights of Columbus.

His funeral service, held in Holy Name Church, was widely attended by engineers, the judiciary, members of Parliament and members of the Legislature, a tribute to his standing in the community he had so well served. He was buried in St. Alphonsus Cemetery, Windsor.

Surviving him were his wife, the former Blanche Oulette, one son, Flying Officer Edward J. Brian, R.C.A.F., and four daughters: Mrs. Cecil Beckerson, Mrs. Roy Dufour, Windsor; Mrs. Lawrence McDermott, Detroit, and Miss Rosary Brian, Windsor.

GEORGE LAING BROWN

O.L.S., D.L.S., B.Sc., M.E.I.C.



Destined to become one of Morrisburg's best known and best loved citizens, Mr. Brown was born in Winchester, Ontario, January 2nd, 1865; his father, Arthur Brown, one time Inspector of Schools for Dundas County, and his mother the former Elizabeth Merkley.

His early education was in the Winchester public school, followed by graduation from Ottawa Normal School, again followed by graduation from the School of Practical Science, Toronto. He then obtained his O.L.S. degree, Feb. 19th, 1898, and then his D.L.S. diploma.

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So equipped, he settled in Morrisburg and served that community and the surrounding country as engineer and surveyor. In the former capacity he specialized in drainage work, in which his outstanding success led to his being elected a member of the Engineering Institute of Canada. His knowledge of the legal end of drainage procedure was recognized by a sister (legal) fraternity by giving his portrait a place in Osgoode Hall in Toronto. As a surveyor he laid out a number of townships in Northern Ontario.

A well informed man with a bright cheery nature, it was natural that he should be sought after to take an unprofessional part in the community's welfare; and so for a number of years was reeve of Morrisburg. Too, as a life long Liberal he took a very active part in his party's activities; once he contested a seat against Sir James Whitney in an Ontario provincial election.

He was a lover of the out of doors and was a keen hunter and fisherman.

He was a member of the United Church of Canada.

His death occurred at Morrisburg January 6th, 1944, and he was buried there in Fairview Cemetery. Surviving him are his widow, the former Charlotte Casselman, and three sisters, Mrs. George Duncan, Ottawa, Mrs. E. S. Coons and Miss Susan Brown, Morrisburg.

FREDERICK WILLIAM FARNCOMB

O.L.S., Member Assoc. Prof. Engineers Ont., M.E.I.C.



In 1866 Mr. Farncomb's parents came out from England and settled in London Township, just north of London City, Ontario. To these parents, Thomas H. Farncomb and Jane Elworthy Farncomb, the subject of this sketch was born February 13th, 1867, at Newcastle, Ontario.

His early education was received in private school, followed by advanced education at Dufferin College, London, Ontario. Having made up his mind that surveying and engineering should be his life's work he apprenticed himself to C. A. Jones, O.L.S., and was admitted to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor on November 6th, 1889,