

A. S. CODE, O.L.S., C.E.

Abraham Silas Code, the eldest of the five Code brother surveyors, passed away on Friday, November 23rd, 1934, at St. Joseph's Hospital, London, Ont., following an illness of three months' duration.

The late Mr. Code was born in Alvinston, Ont., September 18th, 1873, the son of the late Richard Code and Emlyn (Glover) Code, daughter of Thomas Glover of England and later Port Hope, Ont. His paternal grandfather, George Code, came as a young man from Ireland and settled in Lanark County. He married Miss Jane Morris, of Perth, Ont., some of whose family descendants have also been members of the Ontario Land Surveyors' Association. Among the Irish ancestors of our subject Capt. John Code, an officer in the British Army, made his name famous at St. Helena, and died while guarding Napoleon — his home in Ireland was in deep mourning for three days to do honour to his memory. Richard Code, the father of our subject, was one of the early educationists of Western Ontario, and was established in Alvinston, Ont., as a Notary Public Conveyancer and Clerk of the 9th Division Court. Appreciating the future resourcefulness of this Province he encouraged his five sons to follow the profession of Surveying and Civil Engineering, so that they might be instrumental in the opening up and development of its roads, railways and mineral wealth.

Silas Code was an articled student with the firm of Coad & Robertson, Surveyors and Civil Engineers of Glencoe, Ont. He graduated in his profession on the 14th of April, 1896, and continued his practice in Alvinston until his death. In his early professional years he was appointed by the Provincial



Government to prepare surveys of certain areas in Northern Ontario, now known as the great gold and agricultural areas of the large clay belt.

The following is a list of his Government Surveys: Township Lundy, July 10, 1901; Townships Taylor and Stock, June 29, 1903; Township Carr, May 16, 1904; Townships Newmarket and St. John, May 31, 1905; Townships Fournier and Ottaway, May 15, 1906; Township Glackmeyer, May 6, 1907; Township Outlines in District Sudbury, May 17, 1910; Township Studholme, June 17, 1912; Township Outlines, District of Algoma, April 15, 1919.

Throughout his work in that Northern area he experienced many hardships of lake and river trips with severe weather conditions before the construction of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. The early route to the northern country was from Mattawa by canoe in those years.

Mr. Code was a recognized expert in drainage work of the Province and his services in this respect have been of great importance to municipal corporations of the large drainage areas of Southwestern Ontario. Many drainage projects have been laid out and supervised by him in Eastern Ontario also. Mr. Code was a member of the Engineering Institute of Canada and a member of the Professional Engineers of Ontario, and in the capacity of his profession he was always enthused over a method of quick calculation, having designed scales, graphs and instruments for his use. Shortly before his death he contrived an instrument for the use of fractional calculations which would greatly reduce time with accuracy.

In religion Mr. Code was a member of the Church of England, attending St. John's Anglican Church, Alvinston; a mason of Alvinston Lodge No. 323; Bruce Chapter, Petrolia, and of St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory of Sarnia and a member of Mocha Temple Shrine, London.

His kindly disposition and his quiet unassuming temperament brought him many warm friends who learned to recognise and appreciate his many fine traits of character and respect his advice. As a trustee of the Alvinston School Board he diligently endeavoured to improve the educational facilities of the young people of the community in whom he was greatly interested.

Mr. Code was an ardent naturalist and fond of outdoor life, fishing and camping. He was an accomplished caricaturist and a lover of good books and good music.

On March the 3rd, 1915, he married Isabel E. Gibson, of Petrolia, Ont., daughter of the late John Gibson, who sur-

vives him and three children, one daughter Mary Ewing, and two sons, Richard Gibson and John Edward. He leaves also a sister, Angelina, of Windsor, and four brothers, Richard Stanley Code of Mimico; Thomas George Code, Cobalt; Robert Wilmot Code, Windsor; and Charles Edward Code, North Bay.

The funeral of the late Mr. Code took place under Masonic auspices, on Monday afternoon, Nov. 26th, 1934, from St. John's Anglican Church, Alvinston, the services being in charge of the rector, Rev. H. J. Johnson, assisted by the Rev. R. T. Rutherford, of the Presbyterian Church. Interment took place in the Alvinston Cemetery.

JOHN J. DALTON

By Mr. A. P. Walker, O.L.S.

One of Weston's most respected citizens in the person of John Joseph Dalton, O.L.S., D.I.S., passed away on Wednesday, 27th February, 1935, at the family residence, 202 Church Street, Weston, Ont. The deceased had been in declining health for some months and was in his 81st year. He suffered bereavement twice within the last six months, a daughter passing in September, 1934, and his life's partner, Mrs. Dalton, on 15th December, 1934, in her 85th year.

The late J. J. Dalton was born on 12th June, 1854, near Ancaster, Ont., and was one of the eight children of the late Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Dalton, his mother's maiden name being Susan Warbrick. Only two of these children now survive. Mrs. Samuel Mills of Berkeley, California, and Mrs. Alfred E. Morson, of Toronto.

In the early boyhood of the subject of this sketch,

