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FRANCIS MERVIN EAGLESON

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Francis M. Eagleson was born in Cold Springs, Ontario, on October 12th, 1879. His parents were William H., and Lucinda Jane (nee McKinley) Eagleson. His family moved to Wroxeter, Ontario, in 1884, and he received his early education in public school No. 2, Trunberry township. Having attended High School in Harriston, Ontario, he took up Civil Engineering at the School of Practical Science (S.P.S.), now Toronto University, graduating in 1908.



He then apprenticed as a student to Thomas H. Dunn, O.L.S., of Winchester, Ontario, and received his commission to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor on May 11th, 1909. From then to 1911, he was engaged on township subdivision work and the survey of mining claims in Northern Ontario's fast opening-up gold mining area of "Porcupine".

In 1911, he bought out his former employer, T. H. Dunn, at Winchester, and carried on a surveying and engineering practice until 1921, when he sold to D. H. Weir, O.L.S. The next nine years were spent in contracting on road construction. In 1930 he became an engineer on the Severn River section of the Trent Valley Canal residing at Orillia, Ontario. In 1932, he moved to Orangeville, where he conducted a surveying practice until 1939, when he became County Engineer for Dufferin County. He held this position until 1947, when he again turned to private practice in Orangeville. In 1953 he sold this practice to Ivan Lloyd Thomson, O.L.S., and thereafter confined his activities solely to engineering.

His death occurred on February 27th, 1957 at the age of 77, in the Dufferin Area Hospital in Orangeville; the remains were interred in Forest Lawn Mortuary on March 2nd.

Mr. Eagleson was not one of those frequently referred to as a club man, but devoted his time, energy and money in the preparation and distribution of religious tracts, in his own words, "have printed and distributed two million tracts to every part of the world" — a self-imposed task to be highly commended.

Surviving his passing are his widow, two daughters, Frances (Mrs. B. S. Green), Trail, B.C., Ina of Toronto, and one son, Dr. W. McKinley Eagleson of Brampton, Ontario.