

JOHN M. EMPEY

John Morgan Empey, B.A.Sc., O.L.S., D.L.S., A.L.S., was born at Putnam, Ontario, on the sixteenth day of April, 1874. His early education qualified him as a school teacher, and he followed this profession for five years. Then he entered the



School of Practical Science at Toronto, from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Applied Science in both Mining and Civil Engineering in 1902.

His first assignment was with the Dominion Steel Co. at Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, as Engineer and Surveyor in the coal mines there. Returning to Ontario, he obtained his Commission as an Ontario Land Surveyor on 16th February, 1907, and joined the staff of the Department of the Interior at Ottawa. In 1909, he went to Calgary, qualified as an Alberta Land Surveyor, and was appointed District Engineer and Surveyor for the Alberta Gov-

ernment. He remained in that position until 1917, when he again returned to Ontario.

His first work here was with the Ontario Highway Department as District Engineer, being stationed at various points in Ontario, and at St. Marys for about six years. About 1926, he took up permanent residence in Mitchell, and was appointed County Engineer and Road Supervisor for the County of Perth, which position he filled acceptably for about thirteen years.

He was elected Vice-President of the Association in 1932, and President in 1933, when he gave an outstanding address to the members on the Ideals of the Profession.

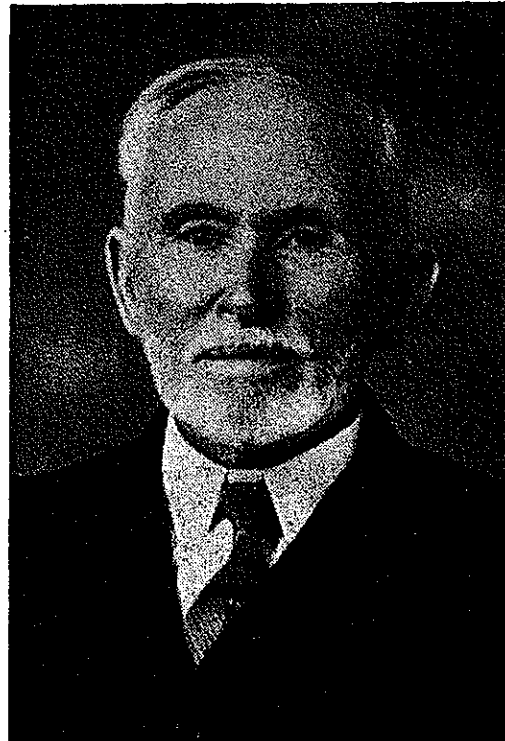
In the Masonic order, he stood very high, being at the time of his death Grand First Principal of the Royal Arch Masons, after having occupied many of the higher positions in the Order, including 32nd Scottish Rite.

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He died on 21st May, 1942, in his 69th year, at the home of his sister in Ingersoll, and was buried with Masonic honours in Woodland Cemetery, Mitchell. His wife predeceased him by a few years, and no children survive.

WILLIAM GALBRAITH

William Galbraith was born in St. Marys, Ontario, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Adam Galbraith of that town. As a young man he was for a time bookkeeper for a mercantile firm there, and then went to Haliburton, Ontario, as clerk to Alexander Niven, the pioneer Land Surveyor of that village. Mr. Niven was at that time engaged in surveying nine Townships in the County for settlement. Mr. Galbraith assisted him in this work, and also acted as Station Agent and Telegrapher at the Grand Trunk Railway station, as a part-time job, there being only one train a day on the Railway. Having decided to become a Land Surveyor, he articulated himself to Mr. Niven, and received his Commission as a Provincial Land Surveyor for Ontario on 4th April, 1883.



In 1885, Mr. Galbraith went to Bracebridge, then a village into which the old Northern and Pacific Junction Railway had just been built, and he established a practice there in his profession of Land Surveyor. Two years later (1887), he was married to Miss Theresa Penelope Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell Stewart of Haliburton. They established their home in Bracebridge, where they resided until the time of his death.

Mr. Galbraith was an outstanding man in his profession, and his services were always in great demand in Muskoka and Parry Sound Districts and Haliburton County. He also surveyed a number of Townships in Temiskaming District,