

ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO LAND SURVEYORS

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,

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and opened an office in Exeter, Ontario. Shortly thereafter he moved to London and took over the practice of his former employer, Jones. Here he remained in active practice till 1943. Ill health at that time compelled a retirement from practice, but he remained in London till his death.

As an Ontario Land Surveyor he was very active in and about the City of London and surrounding area, including numerous large scale municipal surveys in that city.

As an engineer he enjoyed a wide practice and reputation in the drainage and water works construction fields. As a drainage engineer he designed and supervised many drains in the Counties of Middlesex, Huron, and Perth. Indeed he was widely known as an authority on the various drainage Acts.

In 1896 he married Eleanor Louise Maulson of Toronto, who survives him and lives in London. Also to mourn his loss the following children: Eric M. Farncomb of Toronto; Harold F. Farncomb, Toronto; Mrs. Colin Scatcherd, London; Mrs. W. H. Gillespie of Ottawa, and one of our own association, John E. Farncomb, O.L.S., of London. Another one of ours survives, a brother, Alfred E. Farncomb, O.L.S., London. The name of Farncomb is a real part and parcel of our association.

Mr. Farncomb died June 2nd, 1946, and was laid to rest in Woodland Cemetery, London.

#### LAUCLAN ALEXANDER HAMILTON

Born in Penetanguishene, Ont., in 1852, Mr. Hamilton died in Toronto February 11th, 1941, and his body interred in St. James Anglican Cemetery there.

Son of the first mayor of Penetanguishene, he received his early education in that place and then attended the School for Military Instruction in Toronto, whence he emerged as an engineer. He had decided on a surveying life, for as early as 19 years of age he had assisted in the survey of the 49th parallel of latitude, the international boundary westward from the Lake of the Woods.

He secured his P.L.S. (Ontario) admission to practice October 7th, 1876, and was for some years engaged in railway location in the Collingwood-Meaford areas.

He then joined the incipient C.P.R. organization and was placed in charge of the selection of the company's proposed land grants of 25,000,000 acres and the selection of sites for settlement. Thus, among others, he selected Calgary, Moose Jaw and Saskatoon. In 1883 he laid out the townsite of Vancouver and for 3 years made his home there and served as an alderman. Fire wiped out the young townsite and he moved to Winnipeg. Here for some 13 years