

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY

The report of the Committee on Biography consists of the biographical sketches of the late E. W. Neelands and M. M. Gibson.

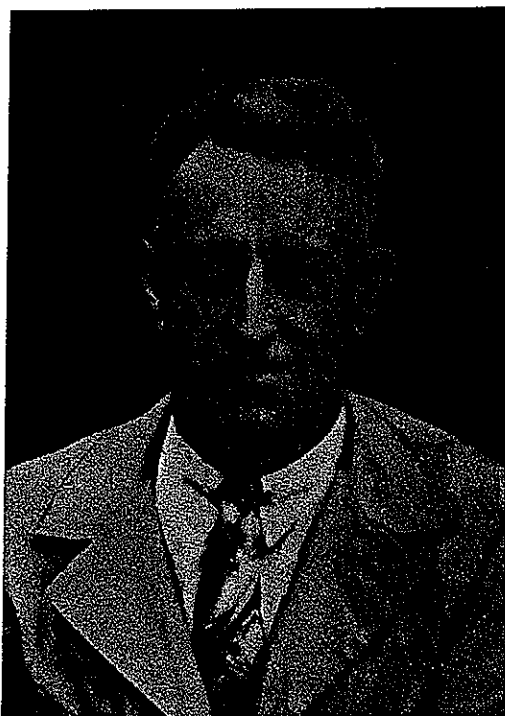
Respectfully submitted,

N. A. BURWASH, *Chairman.*

MORTON MILNE GIBSON, B.A.Sc., O.L.S., D.L.S..

Prepared by H. M. Anderson from information supplied by Mr. Gibson's widow.

In the prime of his life at 59 years of age, "Mort" died suddenly at Agincourt, where he resided, on September 9th, 1947. His passing removed another Gibson from the long list of those of that name that have given and are giving great service to our profession and Association.



He was born November 14th, 1888, his father being one of our outstanding members — the late Peter Silas Gibson — his mother, Eliza Holmes Gibson. Willowdale was his birthplace and there he received his public school education and then matriculated from Richmond Hill High School.

He entered Toronto University, faculty of Applied Science, and graduated in Civil Engineering in 1910 with the degree of B.A.Sc. He served his O.L.S. apprenticeship with his father and was admitted to practice February 22nd, 1912. Subsequently he wrote for and obtained his D.L.S. certificate.

His earlier years as an O.L.S. were spent in Northern Ontario, then he located at and practiced in Whitby, Ontario, till 1927, when he moved to and practiced at Agincourt for some years, after which he joined the Department of Highways of the Province of Ontario and remained in that service until his death.

In his younger days he was keenly interested and active in sports and while at Toronto University participated in gymnastics generally,

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but was a leader in fencing, swimming and wrestling. He won a gold medal for his year in wrestling and a Varsity "T" for General Athletic Proficiency.

In 1914 he married Irene Marsh of Richmond Hill, who survives him along with sons Peter M. and Ronald M. of Agincourt, and daughter (Elizabeth M.) Mrs. D. E. Kennedy of Kirkland Lake. Three sisters survive: Mrs. Dr. Wm. Schmidt of Kitchener, Misses Eva and Lina Gibson of Willowdale, and three brothers: Wilbert Silas Gibson, O.L.S., Toronto; Erling Gibson, Vancouver; and Vernon Gibson, Willowdale. Harold Holmes Gibson, O.L.S., a brother, died 1946.

"Mort" was a Baptist and a Past Master of Whitby and Agincourt lodge, A. F. & A. M.

The funeral ceremony took place at his home in Agincourt and now he rests peacefully in Pine Hill Cemetery.

ERNEST WESLEY NEELANDS, B.A.Sc., O.L.S., M.E.I.C.

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Mr. Neeland's widow, a brother, C. F. Neelands, and
H. S. Sutcliffe, a former partner.*

"Ernie" to us all, was born on April 15th, 1881, at Mount Pleasant, Michigan, U.S.A. His father was Judson Clarke Neelands and his mother Martha Hill (nee Sutcliffe) Neelands. In his early infancy the family moved to Mount Forest, Ontario, and here his Canadian life started. Here he received his public and high school education prior to serving two years as a school teacher.

He entered the University of Toronto in 1904 and graduated in 1907 as a Civil Engineer with the degree of B.A.Sc.

Prior to his graduation his college summers were spent in the employ of J. W. Fitzgerald, O.L.S., of Peterborough. He served his O.L.S. apprenticeship after graduating with Mr Fitzgerald and with John W Shaw, O.L.S., of North Bay. He was admitted to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor on February 16th, 1909.

In 1908 he married Winifred White of Hawkesbury, who survives him as do also his sons, John Wesley of Haileybury and Thomas George of Chatham, Ontario, and daughter Lucy (Mrs. Harry Nichols) of Toronto.

In September, 1909, he entered into partnership with his cousin, Homer W. Sutcliffe, O.L.S., with office at New Liskeard, Ontario. The north country was developing rapidly at this time; Cobalt was in its full stide in 1909, Gow Ganda was active, Porcupine began in 1909