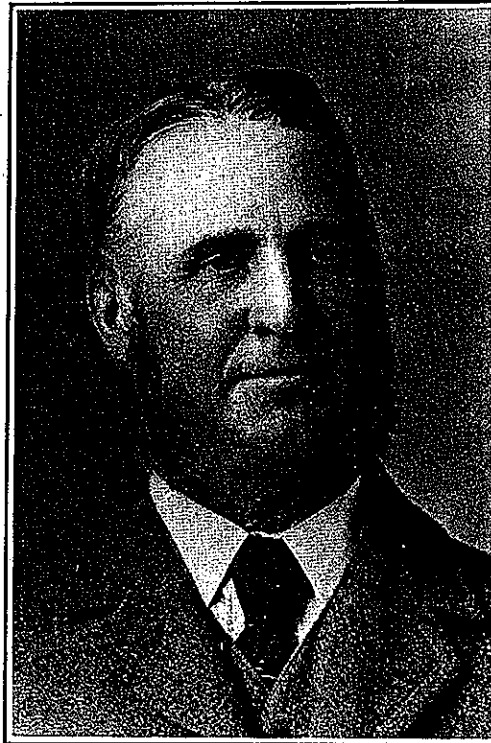


PETER SILAS GIBSON.

Peter Silas Gibson was born at Willowdale on the west side of Yonge St., a few miles north of Toronto, on Jan. 10th, 1837, his father being David Gibson, whose obituary notice appeared in last year's proceedings. His father's residence was burned in December, 1837, by military forces, and it is reported that Peter Silas, then an infant, was deposited in the snow while the household effects were being collected.



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He received his primary education in public schools in Canada and at Lockport, N.Y., and at an early age became interested in his father's work as an Engineer and Surveyor.

In 1856 he entered the University of Michigan in the scientific section, where he spent three full years. After one year's absence he returned to the college and in June, 1861, took the degrees of B.S. and C.E. and on June 29th, 1864, was granted the degree of M.S.

After serving the necessary time with his father he passed his final examination as a Provincial Land Surveyor on July 19th, 1858, in fact he passed his examination before attaining the full age of twenty-one years and his certificate was withheld by the Board for a few months.

He followed the profession of land surveying at Willowdale continuously until his death. In April, 1873, Peter Silas Gibson was appointed a member of the Board of Examiners, which office he held until 1892.

In April, 1898, he was elected President of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors, which position he held for one year. In 1887 he became a member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers.

For thirty-five years Mr. Gibson was Engineer for the Township of York, which then included a considerable area now included within the limits of the City of Toronto. He was also Engineer for several other municipalities in the county. The construction of highway bridges and approaches throughout the County of York occupied much of his time. His services were also in constant demand on disputed boundaries. Residing a short distance from the growing City of Toronto and being a member of the Board of Examiners he had unusual opportunities, and thus became well known to the community. Few Surveyors enjoyed more fully the confidence of the public. Not only was Peter Silas Gibson a careful and conscientious Surveyor, but he had the faculty of imparting knowledge to students, of whom the following is a partial list of those who served their apprenticeship, or a portion of their apprenticeship, with Mr. Gibson:

Clemens Dersteine Bowman, West Montrose.
Josiah Gershom Sing, Toronto.
Arthur Jabez vanNostrand, Toronto.
Daniel Leavens Sanderson, Coral, Mich.
Willis Chipman, Toronto.
Charles Fraser Aylsworth, Madoc.
Robert Laird, Haileybury.
Herbert Joseph Bowman, Berlin.
Charles Herbert Pinhey, Ottawa.
William James Deans, Brandon.
Arthur Meyer Bowman, Mahon, Beaver County, Pa.
Franklin Meyer Bowman, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Arthur Junius Maddock, Toronto.

Early in his career he made surveys of the following Government roads: Buckthorn, Victoria, Crow River and Monk, and he also made an exploration survey of the Wana-pitae and French Rivers.

Mr. Gibson contributed much valuable advice and gave generously of his knowledge of surveying from his long and varied experience at the annual meetings of the Association

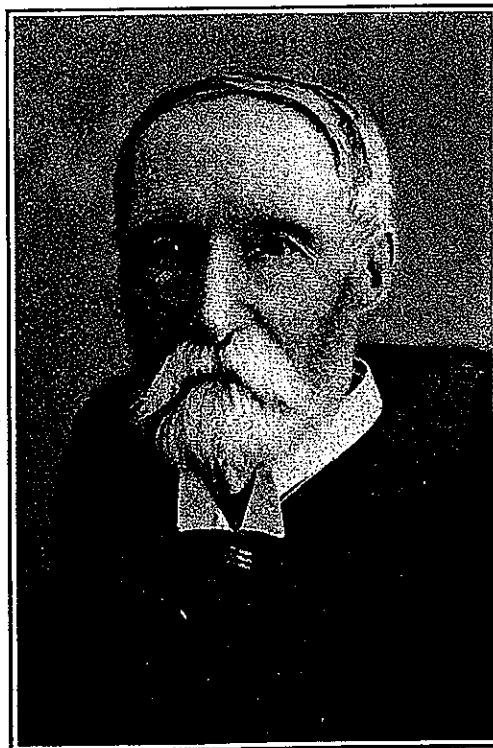
in which he always took an active part and participated in the discussions. Until within a few years of his death he attended the annual meetings. Few Surveyors understood the Survey Act and its evolution as thoroughly as Mr. Gibson.

Mr. Gibson died, after a lingering illness, on August 6th, 1916, on the same farm on which he was born.

On January 7th, 1868, he married Miss Eliza J. Holmes, who survives him. Ten children were born of this union, all of whom are living but the eldest. Three of his sons are Ontario Land Surveyors, as follows: Harold H., 1891, New Orleans; Wilbert Silas, 1898, Toronto; Morton Milne, 1912, Toronto.

WILLIAM EDWARD YARNOLD.

The late William Edward Yarnold was born in the County of Kent, England, on January 27th, 1832, and when quite young came to Canada with his father, Benjamin Yarnold, who was Captain in the Royal Navy. He received his education at the Simcoe County Grammar School at Barrie, then under the headmastership of Frederick Gore, Esq., of Trinity College, Dublin. After completing his studies at Barrie he became articled as a student to the firm of Ranken and Robinson, Provincial Land Surveyors, of the City of Toronto, and when engaged with them assisted on Government surveys of several townships in the counties of Grey and Bruce.



WILLIAM EDWARD YARNOLD,