

## MAJOR ALAN MAIR JACKSON, O.L.S.

Memoir by Roger M. Lee

The late Major A. M. Jackson was born in Fielding, New Zealand, on the 20th of December, 1879.

He received all his schooling in New Zealand and graduated from the University of Otago as a mining engineer. He was apprenticed from 1898 to 1902 with the firm of A. & T. Burt & Company, General Engineers, Dunedin, New Zealand.

From 1902 to 1905 he was employed by the Dunedin Drainage Board as draughtsman and later as assistant engineer. From 1905 to 1907 he was engaged in mining work in British Guiana and in 1906 received the degree of Land Surveyor for that Colony. From 1907 to 1909 he was with the Barima Mines, which was part of the Guiana Gold Company, Limited.

On July 1st, 1909, he was married to Dorothy Bathgate of Dunedin, New Zealand, and in 1910 came to Canada via England.

He worked with the Canada Foundries, Limited, of Toronto, for about one year and in 1911 went to Dunnville with the firm of Fairchild & Webster. In 1912 he was admitted to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor and purchased the engineering and surveying business of W. H. Fairchild at Brantford.

In 1916 he enlisted as a Major with the 215th Battalion in the City of Brantford. In order to get overseas without delay he reverted to Captain with the 7th Railway Construction Battalion. He remained with this battalion until the end of the war, receiving his majority while overseas.

In 1919 he returned to Brantford and became County Engineer and Road Superintendent for the County of Brant,



which position he held until his death on the 14th of April, 1929.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and one daughter who reside in Brantford. Three sisters and his mother survive him and live in New Zealand. His only brother, Maurice, was killed at Gallipoli in 1915. His father, who was a mining engineer, died in Brantford in 1916 after which time his mother returned to New Zealand.

The late Major Jackson possessed a sterling and forceful personality and was known to expect the very best in effort and workmanship from those associated with him. He was at all times fair and honourable and was respected and beloved by those of his profession and by his associates. He had travelled widely and possessed a fund of general knowledge which made him generally appreciated. He was a member of the Rotary Club, of Ozias A. F. & A. M. and of the Anglican Church.

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