LEWIS GOODWIN MANTON, O.L.S.

In the passing of the genial "Lou", at the comparatively early age of 65, our Association lost one of its best known and most highly regarded members — a soldier father of a soldier son. Mr. Manton was on active service in World War I in the Canadian Corps Cyclist Battalion, was severely wounded in March, 1918, and in hospital until July, 1919; his only son, Robert George, was a Lieutenant in the Toronto Irish Regiment and was killed in action (World War II) in Belgium in 1944.

Our late member was born in York Township (now part of Metropolitan Toronto) on February 19th, 1893, the son of George Doige and Mary (nee Adams) Manton. His early school days were spent in the Public School of that Township and his high school education received in North Toronto High School. He was a brilliant student and had conceived the idea that he would like to become an Ontario Land Surveyor — he was one who was a lover of the outdoors and hence, that out-of-doors profession appealed to him.

He therefore became apprenticed to our late deceased President, Tracy D. LeMay (See Mr. LeMay's biography in the 1955 Report), and received his commission as an O.L.S. on February 24th, 1912, entered the service of Toronto's (Municipal) Survey Department, of which his friend, Mr. LeMay was chief and remained with that department and his friend until superannuation in 1953. He and Mr. LeMay were ardent fishermen and hunters, early Spring fishing and Autumn hunting annually saw them away as partners in this open air activity.

Preceeding Lou's death, he had been in ill health and for some time had been in Sunnybrook Military Hospital in Toronto, where he passed away on March 2nd, 1957. The funeral was held on Tuesday, March 5th and was widely attended, not only by former military and professional associates but also, as a tribute to his worth, by many of the City's business men. The interment was in Toronto's Mount Pleasant Cemetery. In religion, Mr. Manton was a staunch Anglican.

In his earlier days he had been an ardent tennis, hockey, bowling and cricket enthusiast, and indeed for some 18 years, was Captain of Grace Church Cricket Club.

His passing is mourned by his widow Reta Alien (nee Cook), and daughters Zilthea June (Mrs. Robert H. Patterson, London, Ont.), Mary Aileen (Mrs. G. Brian Mills, Port Credit, Ont.), and Muriel Florence, (Mrs. George A. Rowe, Willowdale, Ont.).

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