JAMES CLARENCE MONTEITH

James Clarence Monteith was born in Stratford, Ontario, October 7th, 1895. He attended Stratford Public and High Schools, and in 1921 graduated in Civil Engineering from the University of Toronto. Prior to his university course he served in World War One, enlisting in the 110th Battalion C.E.F. and later served in France with the 102nd Battalion.

Following his graduation he worked with the Geodetic Survey of Canada from 1921 to 1923. From 1923 to 1928 he worked for the Department of Northern Development in Port Arthur and Fort Frances, receiving his O.L.S. in 1924.

In 1928 Mr. Monteith moved to Petrolia, Ontario, becoming associated with C. A. Jones, O.L.S., for a short time.

His life work was in municipal engineering projects and drainage in particular. He served the Town of Petrolia and most of the Townships in the County in their engineering and surveying programmes, and was held in high regard by those he worked for. For fifteen years, retiring eight years ago, he was Lambton County Engineer, and its road system was much advanced during his term of office. For the past three years his son, Jim, a graduate engineer and surveyor, has been working with his father.

Mr. Monteith had no hobbies other than his work, and in this he was regarded as an authority. He was instrumental in instituting several new ideas for drainage legislation. He was well read in matters of national and world events, and was interested in sports. In politics he was a staunch Conservative.

He was married to Miss Marion Grove in Toronto, 36 years ago, who survives with three sons, Walter with the C.N.R., Jim, Jack, an engineer in London, a sister, Miss Hattie Monteith of Stratford, and a brother, Harold of Sault Ste. Marie. The deceased was a former warden and member of the Board of Management in Christ Anglican Church, a former president of the Canadian Legion branch and member of Petrolia Masonic Lodge.