CHARLES WILLIAM MOTTON,
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Charles William Motton passed away in Sunnybrook Military Hospital, on Monday, December the second, 1957. The funeral was held on Thursday, December the fifth, and was well attended. The interment was in York Cemetery, Willowdale, Ontario. In religion Mr. Motton was a member of the United Church.

Mr. Motton was on active service in World War I in the Canadian Corps Cyclist Battalion. On return from overseas duty he commenced work with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario in June 1919, and acted as Assistant Surveyor and Draftsman to the Chief Surveyor, Mr. E. J. Boswell until February 1922. He rejoined the Hydro in December 1922 and continued with Hydro until his retirement on June the twenty-eighth, 1957.

Charlie Motton’s early work with the Hydro was mostly in connection with the Legal Surveys of the Right-of-Way on lands of the Commission during several periods of expansion. His memory of details of surveys he had conducted in the past was phenomenal and invaluable to his later associates. He saw the work of the surveyors grow from his own small party attached to the Property and Right-of-Way Department to a Survey Department with several hundred employees. He prepared the title records for the Toronto Niagara Power Company purchase and conducted the field surveys in connection with Commission lands at S.A.B. No. 1, and the Central Ontario System which included several properties along the Trent River. He also surveyed many transformer and distribution station sites, and was in charge of establishing a common boundary during negotiations for the Dowling Avenue-Humber River property which has been used as a transmission line right-of-way to the Strachan Avenue station and will now revert to the city for the new east-west expressway.

A native of Toronto, Mr. Motton received his education at Wellesley Public School, and Technical High School and studied languages at Farquharson Private School and took a special course in Astronomy and Spherical Trigonometry at the University of Toronto. In 1924 he was articled to the late E. J. Boswell and received his Ontario Land Surveyor Commission in March, 1928.

Mr. Motton was born on August the thirteenth, 1893, the eldest son of Elizabeth Cuthbert and Thomas Motton. His passing is mourned by his widow, Alexina (nee Gould) and one daughter, Mary Isabel (Mrs. J. L. Mack), and one son, John G. Motton, who are now all living in Thornhill, Ontario.