

## BIOGRAPHIES

His eldest son, Alexander Donald Matheson, B.A., Queen's '35, M.A. '37 pre-deceased him in 1938; his second son Hugh Macfarlane Matheson, C.A., Dept. of Revenue, resides in Ottawa, his daughter, Rev. Sr. Columba, B.A., Toronto '42, and B.Sc., Phm., Toronto '56, is a pharmacist in St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto.

### FREDERICK WILLIAM PAULIN

*by J. T. Peters, O.L.S.*

Mr. Paulin was born 16th September, 1882, at Arthur, Ontario. After attending public schools in Arthur he entered Toronto University, graduating from the School of Practical Science in 1907. Later he received his degree in Civil Engineering from Toronto. He served his apprenticeship with Mr. A. W. Wells, O.L.S. of Sandwich, Ontario, obtaining his surveyors commission 11th May, 1908.



Mr. Paulin was employed as a surveyor by the Great West and T.N.O. Railway, now a part of the Canadian National Railway system. For a time he was City Engineer of Niagara Falls and had a part in the installation of the Whirlpool Rapids Cable Car. Later he came to Hamilton and founded the Canadian Engineering & Contracting Company in 1914. He was an engineer with extensive experience and for many years conducted a diversified engineering practice.

During the depression years he transferred his activities to Buffalo, N.Y., and formed the F. W. Paulin Contracting Company. Later he was president of the District Improvement Corporation, also of the Great Lakes Concrete & Pipe Co. Inc., of Buffalo. He had the honour of being the first Canadian to be elected president of the American Concrete Pipe Association.

tion, which body is responsible for the specifications under which concrete pipe is manufactured.

While in the United States he was elected to the Boards of several important American Industrial concerns, including General Plastics, Inc. Mr. Paulin was a guiding force in bringing Sovereign Potters Ltd., to Hamilton years ago and was largely responsible for organizing Consolidated Specialties Ltd. (now Dickinson Ltd.)

He was for a number of years a director of Concrete Pipe Company and was a founder of Design-Craft Ltd., of Toronto, and chairman of the Board of that company which for eight successive years built the Canadian International Trade Fair.

In recent years he served the city of Hamilton in the capacity of Chairman of the Adjustment Committee. He was a member of the Lodge of Strict Observance No. 27 and a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, being a member of Murton Lodge of Perfection, Hamilton Chapter of Rose Croix and Moore Sovereign Consistory.

Mr. Paulin was a member of Central Presbyterian Church and from 1928 to 1931 led that Church's class for young men, which was one of the largest of its kind in Canada, and was an inspiration to many young Hamilton men, who later occupied important positions in the industrial, commercial and professional fields in Hamilton and elsewhere.

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He was a member of the Granite Club, Toronto, and of the Glendale and Hamilton Golf Clubs. He was one of the original members of Burlington Golf Club and with "Mac" Smith helped choose the site of that club.

Mr. Paulin died January 18, 1957. He is survived by his wife, the former Winona May St. John; a brother, Rev. J. B. Paulin, formerly of Rosedale Presbyterian Church, Toronto; a sister, Mrs. Nellie Paulin Jones, England; a daughter, Margaret Tedford of Hamilton; two sons, Dr. Cameron Paulin, now at Willamette University, Salem, Oregon; and Kenneth Paulin of Hamilton; and four grandchildren.

**JOHN MacDONALD BLYTH**  
B.A.Sc., O.L.S.

*by his sister Mary Ellen Blyth*

John MacDonald Blyth, late of the Durham vicinity, was born March 1st, 1887, on Lot 29, Concession 2, Normanby Township, County of Grey. He was the son of the late John Blyth, M.P.P. for S. Grey, and the late Jane Peter.



He received his public school education at S. S. No. 14, Normanby Township, and while still a very young boy there, his parents passed away. Having obtained his Entrance, he attended Mount Forest High School and after graduating there he attended the School of Practical Science, University of Toronto.

In 1914, he obtained his B.A.Sc., graduating with honors.

While at University he spent his summer vacation with surveying parties in Northern Ontario, one or more being spent along the Groundhog River in the vicinity of what has grown to be the pulp and paper manufacturing town of Kapuskasing. This was then a vast wilderness, part of the Great Clay Belt, with no habitation for miles around. This survey party was in charge of the late James Hutcheon of Guelph.

Before obtaining his O.L.S. he was apprenticed to the late Mr. Isaac Traynor, O.L.S. of Dundalk.

He spent several years in the Creighton Mine district of Northern Ontario before becoming a member of the survey staff of the City of Hamilton. After several years there, he went on to Detroit. His hearing was gradually impaired and after several years there he returned to the farm, the home of his birthplace, retiring from surveying for a number of years.

As hearing aids improved, he gradually returned to the work of his choice and became a valuable asset to the neighbourhood and soon his work spread far afield, although he still devoted much time to farming. Each spring and autumn he spent several weeks in Northern Bruce Peninsula. Here he surveyed out roads, farms, and many Tourist Resort Subdivisions.

During one of these trips while working his way inland from the shore, he discovered an old fireplace rather ancient, having withstood the wear of time and weather for more than one hundred and fifty years. This became an attraction to tourists as well as to many more local people. However, his historical discovery did not withstand the march of progress for very long. Some few years