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General Manager and Chief Engineer. This position he filled until his retirement in 1934. In 1937 he moved, with his wife and family, to Toronto, where he died at his home, on 25th September, 1942.

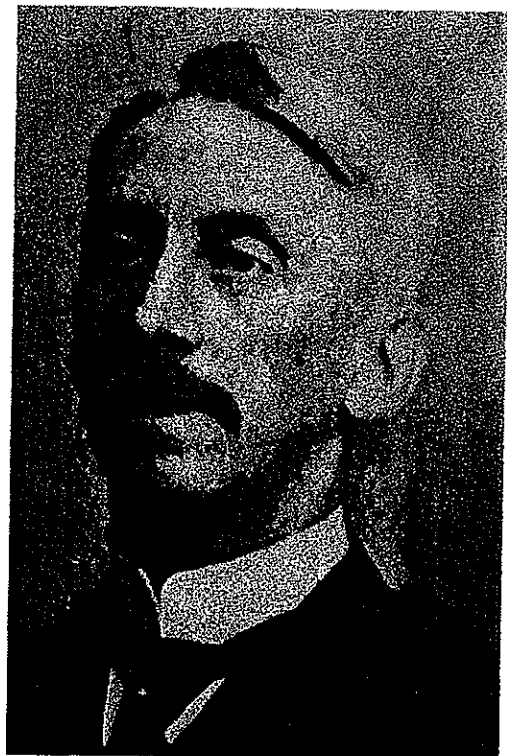
On 31st August, 1904, he had married Miss Mary H. Wear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wear, who survives, with one daughter, Marjorie T. Jackson, both now residing in Toronto.

Mr. Jackson was a Member of the Engineering Institute of Canada, having become a student in 1899, an Associate Member in 1905, and full Member in 1932. He was also a Member of the United Church of Canada, having attended Morrison Street Church in Niagara Falls, and St. George's Church in Toronto. Since the outbreak of the war he was especially interested in Red Cross work.

JAMES ROBERTSON

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James Robertson, O.L.S., son of Peter Robertson and his wife Elizabeth Murray, was born at Decewsville, Lincoln County, Ontario, on 12th October, 1859. He received his preliminary education at Caledonia, and following a period in which he taught school, he attended the School of Practical Science at Toronto, from which institution he graduated in 1884. We understand that no degrees were issued at this time, as this was prior to its affiliation with the University of Toronto. Following graduation, he proceeded to Glencoe, Ontario, where he became associated with the late Richard Coad, O.L.S., with whom he served his apprenticeship, and later was admitted to partnership under the name of "Coad & Robertson". This partnership lasted until the death of Mr. Coad in 1897. Mr. Robertson had obtained



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his commision as a Provincial Land Surveyor for Ontario on 11th July, 1885.

The firm of Coad and Robertson undertook extensive drainage work and surveying in the adjacent Townships of Mosa, Sombra, Ekfrid and Dawn, and also acted as engineers of drainage work for the "Canada Company". After the death of Mr. Coad, Mr. Robertson continued the work alone, and during the years 1902 and 1908, carried out several surveys in Northern Ontario for the Provincial Government.

Alfred Willson and Richard H. Coleman were at that time Canadian Commissioners of the "Canada Company", and Mr. Robertson's duties with that company increased to such an extent that he gave up his private practice, and gave his full time to the company's work, This resulted in 1908 in his removal, and that of his family, from Glencoe to Toronto. On the death of Alfred Willson in 1909, Mr. Robertson was appointed Commissioner, which position he held until his retirement in 1937.

James Robertson married Elizabeth Matilda Moore, daughter of Samuel and Helen Moore of Caledonia, on 28th December, 1886, and the family consisted of four children:

(1) A. Ross Robertson (deceased 1942) formerly General Manager of the Ontario Division, Dominion Bridge Company.

(2) J. Murray Robertson, of the H. H. Robertson Building Products Company, Ltd., Toronto.

(3) Miss Helen E. Robertson, of Toronto.

(4) Miss Grace McNiven Robertson, who died at an early age.

Mr. James Robertson was an active member of Knox Church, Toronto, where he was for some years Chairman of the Board of Managers. In general, it might be stated that he was an extremely retiring individual. While he had a host of friends, aside from his church and his professional associations, he made very few, if any, other social or club connections. In the course of his life, he had travelled extensively in Canada, did considerable reading, and was devoted to his garden. He was particularly fond of roses.

Mr. Robertson died in Toronto on 31st of May, 1944, in his 85th year and was interred at Caledonia, Ontario, beside his wife who had predeceased him in 1937.