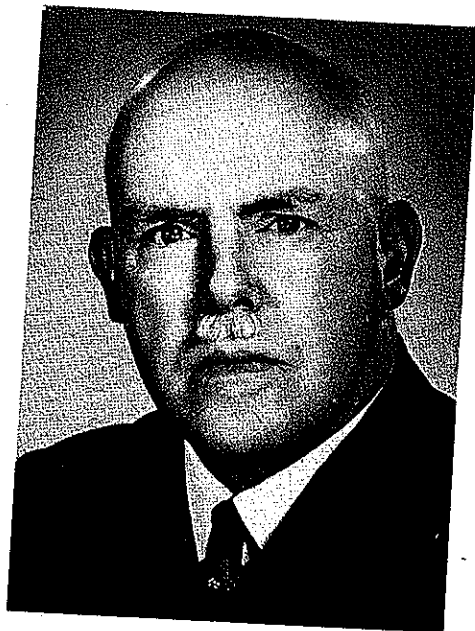


## BIOGRAPHIES



**ALEXANDER ROGER O.L.S., D.L.S.**

Alexander Roger was born at Ottawa on September 5, 1882, and died at Ottawa on May 17, 1977 in his 95th year. He was the second son of Joseph Roger and Louisa Smyth Roger.

His early education was in Ottawa, and he attended McGill University Faculty of Applied Science.

He obtained his O. L. S. and D. L. S., standing first in the examinations for the latter.

He had experience in hydro-electric design and construction with the Peterborough Hydraulic Power Company and with the Ottawa & Hull Power and Manufacturing Company; and was assistant to the Superintendent of the Blackburn Mica & Phosphate Mining Company.

He served in the Federal Civil Service from May 4, 1904 to September 30, 1906; and continuously from May 10, 1906 until retirement in 1944, in the Department of the Interior and in the Department of Mines and Resources; first in the Topographical Surveys; and then in the Dominion Water Power Branch in which he was in charge of hydraulic, hydro-electric and fuel-electric statistical work, editor of related publications, and compiled the Directory of General Electric Stations in Canada. During this time he was assigned for special duties, including investigations in connection with the transfer of the natural resources of the Prairie Provinces from the Dominion to the Provinces; special highway construction inspections in connection with the federal grants-in-aid to the Maritime Provinces; and Dominion Government representative at the New York World's Fair 1939-40.

He served as representative for Carleton County on the Ottawa Suburban Roads Commission.

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After retirement, Mr. Roger entered a new career in municipal politics as a school trustee, school-board Chairman, Councillor, and then Reeve of the Township of Gloucester, in which Township his great-grandfather Col. William Smyth had settled in 1822. As Reeve he represented the Township in negotiations re annexation of part of the Township to the City of Ottawa. Following annexation he was appointed Alderman in the City of Ottawa to represent the newly created Gloucester Ward. He was elected as Alderman for several subsequent terms, serving under Mayors Bourque, Nelms and Whitton.

He was President of the Children's Aid Society of Ottawa for several years.

He was Director and President of the Beechwood Cemetery Company for many years; when at age 92 he felt that he should resign the Presidency, he was elected Vice-President.

Mr. Roger was married in 1913 to Elizabeth Constance Thorne who predeceased him by 9 days on May 8, 1977 after nearly 64 years of marriage. Their children are Alexander Thorne Roger D.D.S. of Halifax, Professor in Dalhousie University Faculty of Dentistry; John David Roger M.D., F.R.C.P.(C) of Ottawa; Katherine Louise Marcuse M.A., of Santa Barbara, California; the late Elizabeth Constance Caton; and Ann Jocelyn Berwick B.A., of Croydon, England. They are also survived by twelve grand-children and one great-grandson.

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