

BIOGRAPHIES

Mr. Gibson was a member of the Masonic fraternity and a life member of York Lodge A. F. and A. M. He was also a life member of the York Pioneer and Historical Society.

In 1905, Mr. Gibson married Mary Isobella Grainger (Mamie) of Newtonbrook, who is left to mourn the loss along with the two sons carrying on the practice. Additionally are two daughters; Mrs. Ada Isobella Graham of Toronto, and Mrs. Mary Louise Schall of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Quietly he rests in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Toronto, just a few "chains" southward from the home he built in 1908.

LIEUT. ORVILLE ROLFSON

O.L.S., D.L.S., B.A.Sc. (Toronto), M.A.Sc. (Toronto)

Mr. Rolfson was born in the village of Blytheswood, Ontario on February 26th, 1885, the son of James and Sarah Rolfson.

His early public and high school educations were obtained in Windsor, and he proved to be an outstanding student.

In 1907 he graduated from Toronto University with the degree of B.A.Sc., and served his D.L.S. apprenticeship with A. C. Stacey, D.L.S., and in 1908 received his commission to practice as a Dominion Land Surveyor.

From that time onward to the close of 1913, he was engaged on Dominion Government work in western Canada; 1909 was spent on retracement work in southern Saskatchewan; 1910, in township subdivisions; 1911, the running of the 22nd base line in the Peace River area and 1912-1913, in running the 12th and 13th base lines westward from the Principal Meridian.

In early 1914, he returned to Ontario and, for a time, was assistant to the city engineer of Walkerville, re-entered Toronto University and graduated in 1915, with the further degree of M.A.Sc. He returned to Windsor, and having received his commission as an Ontario Land Surveyor on February 11th, 1915, engaged in private practice until enlistment in the 241st Battalion in 1916, and

with the rank of Lieutenant went overseas in October, 1917. In England he transferred to the Canadian Engineers and, with the 1st and 3rd Tunneling Companies, served in France from early 1918, to early 1919, when he was returned to England and later to Canada for discharge in August 1919.

Subsequent to his discharge from army life, he was for some years on the staff of Frank Barber and Associates, a very prominent Toronto consulting and engin-



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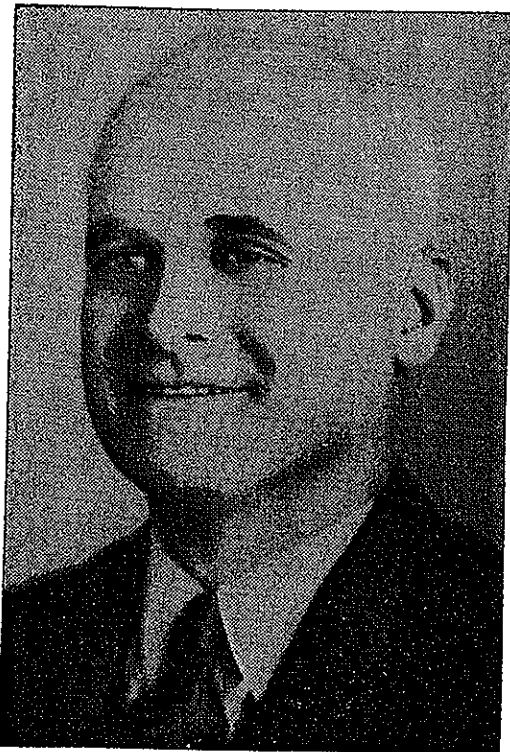
engineering firm. In 1924, he returned to Windsor and established a practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor and Civil Engineer which he carried on to the date of his death.

Suddenly, as the result of a heart attack, Mr. Rolfson, at the age of 69, passed away on July 15th, 1954, and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Leamington. Throughout his life he had been an active member of the Anglican Church, and the burial service was held in All Saints Church in Windsor.

Mr. Rolfson, who was a bachelor, was an ardent and active Mason, and in that fraternity had risen to high preferment being a Royal Arch Mason, as also a Knights Templar, and a Mystic Shriner.

LIEUT. WILLIAM JESSIMAN FLETCHER
O.L.S., B.Sc. (Queens), M.E.I.C., Prof. Eng. (Ont.)

Lieutenant Fletcher was born in the Township of Tilbury East in south-western Ontario on October 3rd, 1885. His parents were John and Isobella (nee Dawson) Fletcher. These parents lived to long spanned ages, his father dying at age 98, and his mother at age 91. Our subject died at age 70.



In the country school of Tilbury East he received his childhood education, and was a student of no mean ability. Subsequently his education was received in the public school at Chatham and also the Collegiate Institute and Model School there. Thus he became well trained to enter the teaching profession which he did for about two years. However, higher education was calling him, so he entered Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario on an engineering course, graduating with the degree of B.Sc. in 1910.

Subsequent to graduation he was for a year in charge of a Canadian Pacific Railway irrigation survey in western Canada and then, in 1911-12, was a drafting designer with the Canadian Bridge Company at Walkerville Ontario. In 1913 he became an assistant to J. J. Newman, O.L.S. at Windsor, and on May 21st, 1915, was commissioned as an Ontario Land Surveyor.

He enlisted in the Canadian forces during World War I, chose the engineers, and served in France until the cessation of hostilities. When fighting ceased he was one of those who went with the British forces to Russia at the time of the Bolshevik uprising. There he was in command at Vladivostock until the return of those forces in 1919.

In that year he was returned to Canada, discharged, and returned to Windsor to resume his surveying and engineering practice which he carried on until his death at the age of 70 years, in 1955.

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