

COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY

as one of the most regular attendants at annual meetings. Professionally he was serious to a marked degree and with his very extensive experience his contributions to the discussions were of great value. Truly he was an asset to the association of very great moment.

JOSEPH EDMUND ROSS

B.Sc., O.L.S., D.L.S., B.C.L.S.

One of the members of our association who early heard the call of the west was the subject of this brief sketch. He was born and grew to early manhood in Ontario, graduated from the School of Practical Science, Toronto, in 1888, and was admitted to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor on November 11th, 1890. He then qualified as a Dominion Land Surveyor and went west; established himself in New Westminster, B.C., became one of the original members of the Corporation of British Columbia Land Surveyors, and there was engaged in private practice till 1899.

In that year he entered the service of The Dominion Topographical Surveys Branch as chief of surveys in the railway belt, with headquarters in Kamloops, B.C. This post he held till 1911, when he resigned and re-entered private practice in Kamloops. Two years later he met with a serious accident which handicapped him seriously during the later years of his life. He passed away in Kamloops January 19th, 1944, at the advanced age of 84.

CAPT. WILLIAM ALGERNON SIBBETT

O.L.S., D.L.S., B.A.Sc.

"Al" Sibbett was born in Bracebridge, Ontario, November 4th, 1890, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. O. Sibbett, and in the public school of that place and in the collegiate institute at Barrie, he received his early education. He was a brilliant student.

He then entered the school of Practical Science (Toronto University), took a course in civil engineering, and graduated therefrom in 1911 with the degree of B.A.Sc. Next followed an admission to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor on May 6th, 1912, followed by admission to the Dominion Land Surveyors' Association.

So equipped, he entered the service of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. and was for some years engaged on surveys in Western Ontario. He then entered the service of the Dominion Government as a D.L.S., and was engaged on work chiefly in the Peace River country. Coming out in the fall of 1914 he learned, upon reaching

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civilization, that Canada was at war. Promptly he enlisted in the 122nd Battalion (Muskoka regiment). The years 1915 to 1919 were spent in France; late 1919 he was returned to Canada and discharged.

For some time thereafter he was in South America on surveys of the Magdalena River in the District of Colombia; upon his return therefrom he formed up the partnership of Graham and Sibbett, building contractors of Toronto. For the balance of his life this partnership occupied his full time.



He married Miss Eva Smith of Bracebridge, daughter of a former mayor of that place, who is left to mourn his passing, along with two daughters, the Misses Helen and Mary, and one son, William.

In religion he was a stout Anglican—his father having been an Anglican clergyman. "Al" was also a prominent Mason. He died on December 9th, 1942, after a brief illness,

and his body laid to rest in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto, Ontario.

ARTHUR OLIVER WHEELER

O.L.S., D.L.S., A.L.S., B.C.L.S., F.R.G.S.

Born May 1st, 1860, in Kilkenny County, Ireland, this subject came with his parents to Canada at the early age of 16.

His father was Capt. Edward Oliver Wheeler; his mother, Josephine Helsham Wheeler; his first wife, Clara Macoun, daughter of John Macoun, one time assistant director of The Geological Survey of Canada; his second wife, Emmeline Savatard of Darwen, England. He had but one child—a son, Edward Oliver, who later was knighted, was Surveyor General of India, and was awarded the Military Cross.

Our subject received his education in Dublin, Ballinasloe College, Galway, and in Dulwich College, London, England.

Upon his arrival in Canada he at once took up the profession of