

## BIOGRAPHIES

His practice was extensive and embraced many phases of municipal improvements. But aside also from his local surveying practice, he did survey many mining claims having had experience in prospecting for silver in Gowganda in 1908.

Mr. Fletcher was a staunch Presbyterian, active in the Masonic Order, a member of the Gyro and Algonquin Clubs, the Community Welfare and a lover of sport. Hockey, baseball and golf were to him of particular appeal.

His was a kindly, genial nature and well liked by all with whom he came in contact. His death was a matter of great regret to those of his city and our Association who knew him.

To mourn his passing were his widow, the former Anna Smith, and two daughters, Margaret (Mrs. Gordon Stubberfield) and Elizabeth (Mrs. Clark Campbell).

### **GORDON FOSTER SUMMERS** **O.L.S., D.L.S., B.A.Sc. (Tor. Univ.)**

On April 14th, 1955, at the age of 77 there passed from our midst one of the best liked members of our Association. Never known to be out of good humor, ever courteous, kindly and helpful Gordon was a gentleman first and a land surveyor afterwards.

He was born in the town of Winchester, in south-eastern Ontario, on October 14th, 1878, his parents being James S. and Sarah Summers. In the public school there and later in Morrisburg Collegiate Institute he received the grounding that fitted him for entrance to Toronto University. He enrolled in an Arts course in 1903, but in 1904, switched to Engineering, graduated in 1907, but later in 1909, became a B.Sc.

His O.L.S. apprenticeship was served with Charles H. Fullerton, a former Surveyor General of Ontario and a former secretary of our Association. Mr. Summers received his admission to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor on May 11st, 1908. In that year he joined the staff of Laird and Routly in Haileybury which was then in the throes of mining fever on account of rich silver mining at Cobolt, just 4 miles away. In 1910, Routly and Summers formed a partnership which continued until 1917. During this period the partnership also engaged in engineering and in road construction, Mr. Routly looking after the latter work which was in southern Ontario and Quebec. In 1917, the partnership was dissolved—Mr. Summers continuing the survey practice, and Mr. Routly the construction.

Amongst the very many surveys Mr. Summers made may be mentioned the



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mining claims that became the Hollinger Mine, the Kerr Addison mine and numerous others of importance. Too he laid out many of the northern townsites, including Porcupine, Timmins, Kirkland Lake and Iroquois Falls.

In 1936, Mr. Summers retired from active practice when he assisted in the formation of Upper Canada Gold Mines in northern Ontario, of which successful company he was a director and officer until his death.

Haileybury was his home for some 30 odd years, and in the community life of the town he took an active and prominent part. Extensive service on the town council led to his being Mayor in the years 1923 and 1924, after the town was practically wiped out by the disastrous fire of October 4th, 1922.

Mr. Summers was a member of the Masonic Order, of the United Church of Canada, the Engineers Club, the Granite Club and the Lambton Golf and Country Club.

In 1912, Gordon married Mary Elizabeth Shields of Smiths Falls, Ontario, who survived to mourn the very great loss as also two daughters, Mrs. F. C. Wooley (Helen) and Mrs. Stewart Saunders (Dorothy), both of Toronto.

The funeral, very widely attended, was held on April 14th, and the burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto.

### **CAPT. ROY STANLEY KIRKUP O.L.S., Reg. Prof. Eng. (Ont.)**

Born in Melita, Manitoba on August 25th, 1892, Roy, at a very early age, moved with his parents to Fort William, Ontario and there received his public and high school education. His parents were Cyrus H. and Louisa (nee Richards) Kirkup.

Roy served his apprenticeship with E. R. Bingham, O.L.S. (see Bingham biography in 1954 O.L.S. report) and was commissioned to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor at the age of 22 on April 30th, 1914.

A few months later, in October, 1914, upon the outbreak of World War 1, he enlisted as a private in the 28th battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force and proceeded overseas. He served in England and in France until 1918; twice he was wounded, twice mentioned in despatches, and carried the rank of Captain when hostilities ceased.

Upon being demobilized in 1919, he returned to the Head-of-the-Lakes and entered into practice with his former employer under the name of Bingham and Kirkup—Engineers and Ontario Land Surveyors, with Bingham at Fort William and Kirkup at adjacent Port Arthur.

Some 5 years later Roy moved to Fort William and continued in practice

