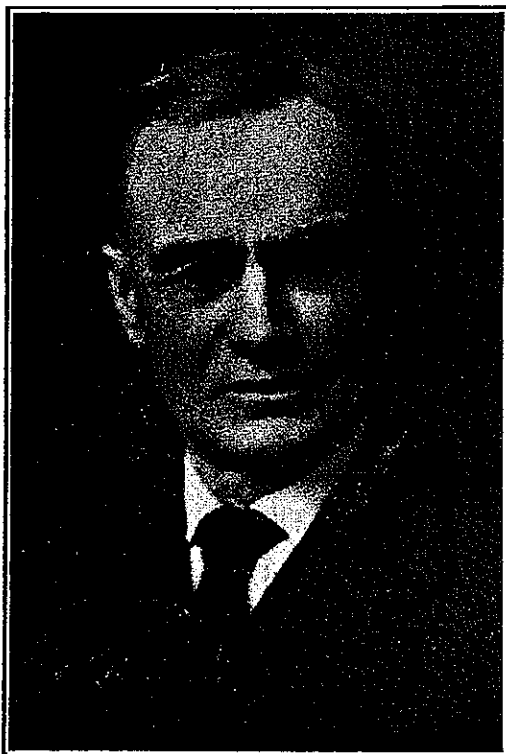


FREDERICK JOHN URE

Frederick John Ure—son of David Ure and Jane Orr—was born near Maidstone, in Essex County, on September 18th, 1863. His parents came to Canada from Kilmarnock, Scotland, about 1850, and had eight children, of whom



Frederick was the youngest. He received his early education in the Windsor and St. Catharines Collegiates. He then studied with a Land Surveyor in Belleville and passed his preliminary examination as a Provincial Land Surveyor in 1883. He was then articled to Alex. Baird, of Leamington, for two years, and was later transferred to W. R. Burke, of Ingersoll, for two years, and obtained his final commission as Provincial Land Surveyor in 1887. He entered into partnership with Mr. Burke in charge of the Branch Office at Woodstock, Ontario, and this lasted for a period of three years during which time he surveyed

two Townships near Saltcoats, Alberta. He then went to California, which was in the last stages of the big land boom, and arrived there just as the boom burst. Not being able to find employment there he returned to Woodstock, bought out Mr. Burke's practice, and opened the office in Woodstock which he maintained until his death. Since that time he has practiced continuously as a Consulting Civil Engineer and Land Surveyor. In 1895, Mr. William Mahlon Davis, who was Town Engineer for Woodstock, moved to Berlin (now Kitchener), and sold his practice to Mr. Ure, who has acted in the capacity of Engineer for Woodstock since that time. Mr. Ure was employed on the survey of what is now the Simcoe and Port Rowan Branch of the Canadian National Railways, and also on the survey of a projected Canadian Pacific line which was to extend from near Woodstock to

Niagara Falls, but which was never built. In April, 1906, he surveyed the allowance for road between the 3rd and 4th Concessions of East Oxford from Lot 12 to Lot 20, under the instructions of the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines. In addition to the city work, Mr. Ure acted as engineer for the Town of Ingersoll, the county of Oxford, and for practically all the minor municipalities in that County. In this latter connection he carried on a large drainage practice in the rural municipalities. In 1919 his eldest son, Wilfred Gordon Ure, entered into partnership with him, and the business has been carried on since that time under the firm name of F. J. Ure and Son. Mr. Ure had largely retired from active practice for two years prior to his death, which took place on October 11th, 1928, from influenza and pneumonia after a very brief illness. He left a family of five children, of whom another son, Douglas Gordon Ure, is now a member of the firm of Rutherford and Ure, of St. Catharines, Ont.

Mr. Ure was admitted to the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers as an Associate Member on May 21st, 1903, to the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors on April 7th, 1887, and to the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario at its inception. Fraternally he was a member of the Masonic Order and of the Canadian Order of Woodmen.
