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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.

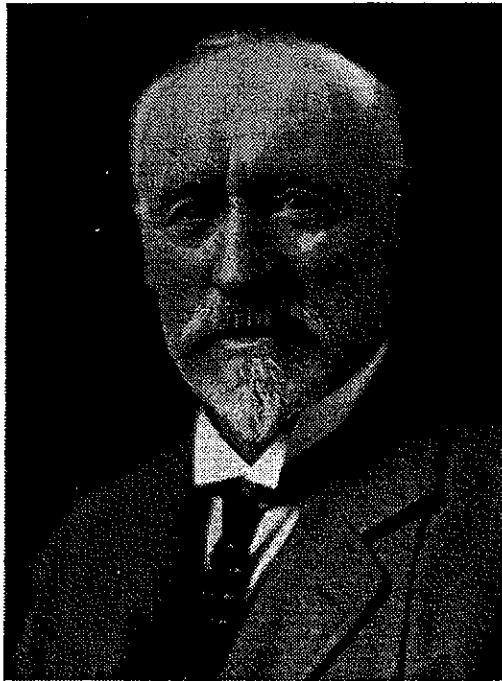
Our subject received his education in Dublin, Ballinasloe College, Galway, and in Dulwich College, London, England.

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

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surveying, serving apprenticeship with Ryley & Hamilton, and with Elihu Stewart of Collingwood. With the former he spent the year 1876 in surveys in the Bruce Mines area of Ontario. The year 1878 was a notable one for him, for with Mr. Stewart on Indian Reserve surveys in Canada's new west, he received an introduction to that part of Canada that was to claim so much of his later life.

He obtained his O.L.S. on July 8th, 1881, his D.L.S. and M.L.S., in 1882, his B.C.L.S. in 1891, and his A.L.S. in 1911. In 1929 he was made an honorary member of the Dominion Land Surveyors' Association, later to become the Canadian Institute of Surveying.



During 1883 and 1884 he was engaged in the west on township and townsite surveys for the Dominion Government and the Canadian Pacific Railway. Then in 1885 came the Riel rebellion, and throughout this he served as a Lieut. with the D.L.S. Intelligence Corps.

With the rebellion over he again returned to survey practice, with The Department of the Interior, his first chief being the late Dr. Deville, who trained him in photo-topographical surveying. This specialized type of surveying, the forerunner of our present highly per-

fectured system of aerial photography, was to claim much of his later active years. In particular he was thus active in connection with irrigation and topographical surveys in Southern Alberta, in the Crow's Nest area, and in the Selkirk Range. Likewise he used it in the Yukon-Alaska area in 1903, assembling data for reference to the Commission that established the international boundary between Canada, Yukon and the U.S.A.'s Alaska. In 1913 he was British Columbia's commissioner on the establishing of the inter-provincial boundary between that Province and Alberta. His professional work ended with 1926—his age then being 66.

His mountain experience had made him an enthusiastic "Alpinist"; he founded the Alpine Club of Canada and as president, director, or honorary president, was a member thereof to his death. He was also an honorary member of the Alpine Clubs of England, of France and of America.

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Based, too, on his mountain experience, he became interested in glaciological studies and carried on scientific observations of a number of Canada's more prominent ice fields. He was for some years Canada's member of the International Commission on Glaciology. He was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and the author of "The Selkirk Range", published in 1905 by The Department of the Interior.

His death occurred in the year 1945.