

COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY

CAPTAIN ALEXANDER CAMPBELL YOUNG, M.C.

By his brother, J. Walter Young

Alexander Campbell Young, B.Sc., O.L.S., passed away suddenly at his home, 53 Hewitt Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, on the 29th December, 1942. Captain Young was born at Sand Point, Ontario, on 24th January, 1884, the fourth son of James Young and Catharine Yuill. His grandparents on his mother's side came from Perthshire, Scotland, and on his father's side from Ayrshire, Scotland.

Captain Young received his public and high school education in the Town of Renfrew, Ontario. He entered Queen's University, Kingston, where he took the Science Course in Mining Engineering, and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1910. The year after graduation he articulated with Charles H. Fullerton, O.L.S., of New Liskeard, Ontario, and was awarded his Commission as an Ontario Land Surveyor on 15th April, 1912.



As an undergraduate he spent his summers with Survey parties, prospecting and working in the mines of Northern Ontario. In 1913, he opened his own office as an Ontario Land Surveyor and Mining Engineer at Swastika, Ontario, where he practised until December, 1914, when he enlisted in His Majesty's Army for service overseas, in the 6th Field Company, Canadian Engineers. He reached England in April, 1915, and France in September, 1915. In early 1916, he was transferred to the 3rd Tunnelling Company as a Commissioned Officer, and gained his Captaincy in 1917. He remained with the Canadian Army in France until 1918, was mentioned twice in despatches for distinguished service, and was awarded the Military Cross. He was wounded on two occasions.

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Following his return to Canada, he was engaged with the Labour Department of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa for a short time, and in 1919 was associated with Herbert Beattie, O.L.S., of Pembroke, on Base Line surveys. In the Fall of 1919 he returned to Ottawa and became Assistant to Dr. Cook of the Mines Branch, of the Bureau of Statistics, remaining until 1925, when he joined the Ontario Department of Mines, Toronto, Statistical Branch, becoming Director of Publications and Statistics in 1935, which position he occupied until his appointment as Mine Assessor for the Province of Ontario in 1939. This position he held until his death.

Captain Young was well and widely known in Canadian mining circles. He was Secretary of the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Mining Institute for six years, and was a member for some twenty years. He was honoured with the presentation of a gold watch, by the six Chairmen of the Institute under whom he had acted as Secretary, in recognition of his services. He had a host of friends among the Mining camps of Northern and Western Ontario, and throughout Canada and United States.

Captain Young was married to Anne Myrtle Broadley of Folkestone, Kent, England. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Myrtle, and two sons, Kenneth and John. Kenneth is now a fourth year student in Queen's University, in Metallurgy. He has also three brothers, Doctor James M. Young of Windsor, Ontario, Doctor Hugh M. Young of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and J. Walter Young of Toronto, also one sister, Mrs. A. Gordon Grier of Toronto.