

## Noted Engineer-Soldier General Mitchell Dies in Toronto

FATHER WAS ONCE METHODIST MINISTER IN GEORGETOWN

Brigadier-General Charles Hamilton Mitchell, for many years dean of applied science and engineering at the University of Toronto, and an outstanding figure in educational engineering and military circles, died in Toronto General Hospital on Tuesday, August 26th, after an illness of five weeks.

General Mitchell retired from his post as dean at the university only last June after serving since 1919. In the last war he had a distinguished record as an intelligence officer and the present conflict saw him called back into service. He was actively engaged in important intelligence work for the government when he was taken ill.

Charles Hamilton Mitchell was born in 1872 at Petrolia, Ont., a son of Rev. George A. Mitchell, a Methodist clergyman, and Agnes Beckett Mitchell. His father was later Methodist minister at Georgetown Methodist Church, and General Mitchell is remembered here by some of the older generation of residents.

He entered the University of Toronto in 1898, graduating in 1902, when he became assistant city engineer of Niagara Falls, N.Y. From 1904 to 1901 he served as city engineer of Niagara Falls, Ont., at the same time carrying on a private practice in hydraulic engineering which brought him a wide reputation and led to his appointment, in 1901, as principal assistant engineer of the Ontario Power Company. He remained in this position until 1906 when he went to Europe to study hydro electric power development there.

### Designed Plants

Returning, he practiced as a consulting engineer in Toronto, specializing in hydraulic works and hydro-electric power and designing and constructing plants in the Maritimes, Ontario and the Canadian West.

During 1909 and 1910 he was consulting engineer for the Ontario Power Company on its extensions and in 1911-14 and again in 1919-20 he was consulting engineer of the water power branch of the federal department of interior. From time to time he had been engaged as arbitrator and expert witness in various technical and legal cases.

General Mitchell joined the militia as a lieutenant in 1899 and the outbreak of the great war found him commissioned as a major in the Corps of Guides, and divisional intelligence officer on the general staff of the 2nd division, Toronto.

He served for five years in France, Belgium and Italy, on the general staff. In 1914-16 he was a lieutenant-colonel in the first Canadian division under Lord Byng; in 1915-16 he was chief of intelligence for Lord Plumer, commander of the second Imperial army, and in 1917-18 he held the same post under Lord Cavan at general headquarters of the British army in Italy.

### Mentioned in Dispatches

General Mitchell was seven times mentioned in dispatches and earned many decorations — D.S.O., C.M.G., O.B., V.D., Legion of Honor (France), Order of Leopold (Belgium), Croix de Guerre (Belgium), Order of Crown of Italy, Croce di Guerra (Italy).

His first act when he heard Mussolini's declaration of war was to take down from the wall the two decorations he had received from Italy in the last war.

General Mitchell was long a member of an international engineering board appointed by the governments of U.S. and Canada to study the St. Lawrence waterway project for navigation and power.

Proud of his profession, General Mitchell often paused in his teaching to drive home to his students the important place held by the engineer in the economic scheme. His scientific writings served as mileposts in the course of engineering practice. As early as 1896, he wrote a technical work on "Aerial Mechanical Flight" and in 1911, years before military authorities gave the matter serious attention, he wrote a treatise on aerial warfare. His writings following a visit to Europe, had much to do with hydro-electric development in Canada.

### Honored by Colleagues

General Mitchell's last public appearance was at a review of the O.O. T.C. upon its return from Niagara-on-the-Lake, June 22. His resignation tendered last November did not take effect until the close of the university term this summer.

He was a member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, London; the En-

gineering Institute of Canada, which he served as president and vice-president; the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, which elected him president in 1922, and the American Society of Civil Engineers. In 1939 he received the gold medal of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at a ceremony in Washington. He was a director of a number of large companies.

Always keenly interested in civic affairs, General Mitchell served at one time or another as president of the Toronto Civic Guild, vice-president of the Symphony Orchestra, vice-president and president of the Board of Trade, chairman of the Toronto central committee, and member of the Toronto city mission to study relief. He also was an enthusiastic mountaineer,

## Executors' Auction Sale of Real Estate

THE UNDERSIGNED has been instructed by Harold P. MacGillivray and Georgina Brown, the Executors of the estate of MARY JANE SLOAN, late of the Village of Glen Williams in the County of Halton, widow, deceased, to sell by public auction on Saturday, September 6th, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, D.S.T., at the late residence of the said deceased on the Northerly side of Main Street, in the Village of Glen Williams, the following property, namely:

The said late residence of the said deceased and the land appurtenant thereto, being part of Lot Number Twenty-one (21) in the Tenth Concession of the Township of Esqueping containing by admeasurement two-fifths of an acre more or less more particularly described in Deed registered as 7925 "X" for Esqueping. The said residence is a two storey brick building, containing eight rooms, and is in a good state of repair.

TERMS: The above property will be offered for sale free from encumbrances and subject to a reserve bid. Ten per cent of the Purchase Price to be paid to the Vendors' Solicitors at the time of the sale and the balance within fifteen days thereafter.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to DALE and BENNETT, Georgetown, Ontario, Solicitors for the Executors,  
31 FRANK PETCH, Auctioneer.

and he was vice-president of the Canadian Alpine club for several terms. He was also a member of the Swiss Alpine club. Other clubs to which he belonged were the National club of which he was president in 1933-35, the York Club, the Military Institute, the Rosedale Golf Club, the Murray Bay Golf Club, and the Atheneum club of London, Eng.

He is survived by his wife, the former Myra E. Stanton, of St. Catharines, who he married in 1901. A brother P. H. Mitchell lives in Toronto. Funeral services were held on Thursday from St. Paul's Church of England, Bloor Street East, with interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Dr. H. J. Cody, president of the University of Toronto, conducted the service, assisted by the rector of St. Paul's, Right Reverend Bishop R. J. Remison. Active pallbearers were heads of departments of the engineering faculty at the University.

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Tillsonburg	Sept. 8-10
Warton	Sept. 11-12
Alliston	Sept. 12-13
Barrie	Sept. 12-17
Braesbridge	Sept. 12-13
Coldwater	Sept. 17-18
GALT	Sept. 12-13
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Mildmay	Sept. 12-17
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